



Volunteer Role: Venue Team Culture Lead (VTeam Accommodations Venues)

Reports to: Accommodations Venue Team Lead

Pjila'si! We're saving you a seat!

Do you seek new experiences and friendships? Are you passionate about sport or learning about Indigenous cultures? Join the North American Indigenous Games 2023 as we help the Mi'kmaw Nation prepare to welcome over 5,000 Indigenous youth from across Turtle Island (North America) from July 15 to 23, 2023. We're looking for individuals who are eager to make an impact by joining our volunteer team of 3,000 community minded leaders. We want everyone to feel that they belong and you can help. NAIG 2023 is organized and executed by the NAIG 2023 Host Society, which is a not-for-profit organization and the employer of this opportunity.

What's involved?

The Culture Lead is an essential part of each Accommodations Venue Team (VTeam), with the responsibility to ensure that venues are welcoming and properly equipped to support the cultural needs of all athletes, coaches, participants, and Elders. This includes ensuring that Brave spaces in accommodations are well stocked. And that there are appropriate spaces and items for ceremony and smudging near accommodations when necessary.

Time commitment and responsibilities:

Pre-Games (September 2022 - July 2023):

- 7-10 hours monthly for Venue Team meetings (including planning and coordination of meetings), of which will ramp up to weekly in the two months leading up to the Games
- Attendance at Mission staff and Executive Meetings may be required
- Involvement in development of accommodations venue site plans, including planning for Brave spaces
- Planning for art and Mi'kmaq language signage in accommodations
- Ensure that cultural information kits are shared with all venue staff to ensure a smooth and welcome experience for participants

Games-Time (July 15-23, 2023):

- Availability for the duration of the Games (including bump-in/out), and for 3-5 days post-Games for assist with Venue decommissioning
- Conduct daily checks that medicines are properly placed at each doorway

- On-site coordination of Brave space and being welcoming to athletes and participants

Expected start date: Fall 2022

What skills and qualifications are an asset?

Above all else, we require that all our volunteers have a desire to support and celebrate Indigenous youth as they pursue excellence in sport.

- Preference will be given to those who self-identity as Indigenous, but all applicants are welcome
- Cultural knowledge is an asset
- Leadership experience either in volunteer roles or in a workplace setting
- Previous experience working with and directing volunteers
- Experience leading committees or groups and building a productive and collaborative team
- Ability to communicate in an effective and kind manner both in person and in written formats
- Highly responsive, thoughtful, and forward thinking
- Proven event planning and organizational skills
- Ability to make quick, sound decisions in difficult or stressful situations
- Able to lift up to 30 lbs and spent extended period of time standing (accommodations can be made if required)
- Leadership positions are required to be a minimum of 18 years of age

Ability to speak Mi'kmaq, French, or other languages is considered an asset but is not a requirement.

I'm interested, how do I apply?

Please send a resume and letter of interest to the Volunteer Services Manager, Alex Cherry at volunteer@naig2023.com