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Lake Placid Curling Club and the Saranac Lake Civic Center Support Invictus Athlete Training with the Gary Sinise Foundation Public Invited to Wheelchair Athlete Curling Scrimmage on 1/7/24

Saranac Lake, NY – In proud collaboration with the Saranac Lake Civic Center, the Lake Placid Curling Club (LPCC) is honored to announce its volunteer support for the brave men and women of Team United States. These wounded warriors, who have served our nation with valor, will be participating in a training camp hosted by the Gary Sinise Foundation as they prepare for the upcoming 2025 Invictus Games in Whistler, set for February.

The public is warmly invited to cheer on the athletes training in wheelchair curling during a scrimmage game on January 7, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the Civic Center. The Lake Placid Curling Club, alongside USA Curling instructors, led by Marc DePerno, will provide expert guidance and facilities for the wheelchair curling segment of the winter sports training camp.

The overall training event will run from January 6-10, serving approximately 50 athletes from across the US, representing all branches of the military. The Gary Sinise Foundation, in collaboration with the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), has recruited the help of local facilities and organizations to provide training opportunities in alpine skiing and snowboarding, nordic, biathlon, skeleton, and wheelchair curling. The curling training, specifically, will be held January 6-7 at the Civic Center, hosting five U.S. veteran and U.S. military service members.

"Curling, a sport known for its camaraderie, sportsmanship, competition and strategy, reflects the spirit of the Invictus Games," said Kimberly Weinrick, President of the Lake Placid Curling Club. "We are proud to help facilitate this training, honoring these incredible men and women, and we invite our community to join us in thanking them and cheering them on. Their participation in the Invictus Games is a profound symbol of resilience and community."

The Invictus Games is an international Paralympic-style event that showcases the unconquerable spirit of injured, wounded, or sick armed services personnel and their undeniable will to overcome. The 2025 Games will feature competitions across a variety of adaptive sports, including new winter sports disciplines.

The entire local community, including volunteers, fans, and fellow athletes, are invited to support these inspiring competitors as they train and prepare for what promises to be an unforgettable display of courage and determination in Vancouver and Whistler. Visitors are especially encouraged to attend the scrimmage learning game on January 7, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

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ABOUT THE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION

Gary Sinise is an award-winning actor and humanitarian, best known for his roles in CSI: NY, Apollo 13, and his Oscar-nominated performance in the film Forrest Gump as the wounded Vietnam veteran Lt. Dan Taylor. An advocate for our nation's defenders since the 1980s, after 9/11 Sinise began a tireless crusade to support America's military and first responders around the world with handshake tours and concerts with his band, the Lt. Dan Band. In 2011, he established the Gary Sinise Foundation as an extension of those efforts. Today, the Foundation is building custom homes for severely wounded heroes, honoring and supporting the families of our fallen, providing essential equipment and training for first responders, improving the mental wellness of our defenders, and so much more. For more information and to support, visit www.garysinisefoundation.org

ABOUT THE LAKE PLACID CURLING CLUB

The Lake Placid Curling Club is a nonprofit organization that hosts league play and strives to foster competitive curling and community engagement, committed to promoting inclusivity, camaraderie and respect across the sport. <https://lakeplacidcurling.com>

ABOUT THE SARANAC LAKE CIVIC CENTER

The Saranac Lake Civic Center is a year-round, not-for-profit recreation and events facility, serving the residents and visitors of Saranac Lake and the surrounding Adirondack community. The Saranac Lake Civic Center – which was reimagined and reopened in January 2023 after considerable upgrades throughout the facility – serves residents and visitors from across the region and beyond. For more information and to support, visit saranaclakeciviccenter.org

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