

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Register online for Prairie Rose State Games

There is still time to register online for North Dakota's 22nd Annual Prairie Rose State Games being held in Minot, July 11-13. There are 37 activities open to participants and information on the event along with registration are available at www.prairierose.org.

“'Ignite the Spirit' is the theme of the 2008 games,” says Scott Collins, Minot Recreation Commission Director. “This year's Prairie Rose State Games are intended to ignite the competitive spirit in all of us in this Olympic year.”

Over 110,000 individuals have participated in the Prairie Rose games since their inception in 1986. The games offer residents in North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan the chance to be involved in competitive and non-competitive events available to everyone regardless of age or ability level.

North Dakota Governor John Hoeven officially starts the games with the lighting of the torch at the opening ceremonies on Friday, July 11 at Herb Parker Stadium, on the Minot State University campus. Joining the governor is Thor Eric Nelson, the 2008 game's guest speaker.

Nelson is an accomplished National Hockey League official. He officiated the 2004 NHL All-Star game held in St. Paul, MN. Nelson officiated the Stanley Cup playoffs six times and was selected to officiate the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy.

Registration for some of the team sports closes June 27, so ensure your place in the 2008 Prairie Rose State Games by registering today and “Ignite the Spirit” this summer in Minot.