



2010 Spirit Schools



During this Olympic and Paralympic school year, there will be many opportunities to harness the interest and enthusiasm our students feel as the 2010 Winter Games approach. The 2010 Spirit School program, created by ActNow BC and the Ministry of Education, allows schools to show BC and the world the amazing 2010-related activities that your students are engaged in. It also gives schools a chance to win great prizes, such as visits from ActNow BC Athlete Ambassadors or the 2010 mascots!

How do you become a Spirit School?

Register your school before October 31st by submitting a 2010 Spirit School entry on your community's GamesTown 2010 page.

On the [GamesTown 2010](#) website, find your community, and create a '2010 Spirit School' entry for your school by selecting the 2010 Spirit School 'entry type' on the online entry form and then typing in your school name. These entries can be written stories, pictures or videos showing your school's excitement about the 2010 Winter Games and your engagement with the three pillars of Games: sport, culture and sustainability, as well as the overarching educational theme of global citizenship.

If your community is not already entered in the GamesTown 2010 database, you only have until October 31st to make your first entry, so don't wait! All 2010 Spirit Schools with entries received by October 31st are eligible for great early bird prizes! The first one hundred 2010 Spirit Schools who register will also receive a class set of pedometers to help you promote physical activity with your students.

Take the ActNow BC Healthy Living Pledge.

Start off by having students and other members of your school community take the [World Healthy Living Challenge Pledge](#). Do your part in honour of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and step up to your own podium and pledge three simple things that you can do to make the world a healthier place.





Participate in 2010 Winter Games Educational Programs.

To take advantage of the 2010 educational opportunities, participate in some of the many education programs related to the 2010 Winter Games, such as:

- Adopt a Country
- Student Reporter Program
- Sharing the Dream Lesson Starters
- Sharing the Dream Webcast Series
- Canadian Olympic Committee Olympic School Program
- Canadian Paralympic Committee School Program
- 2010 Legacies Now programs
- Programs and activities in your school related to the three pillars of the 2010 Games: sport, culture and sustainability.
- 2010 Games-themed events at your school (such as a Paralympic School Week, a Torch Relay celebration, or an Olympic “fun day”)



For a more complete list of 2010 Winter Games-related educational programs, view the [2010 Education Overview Chart](#) or visit the [Sharing the Dream](#) website.

Rewarding Participation with School Prizes!

There will be prizes awarded to 2010 Spirit Schools, with all schools who have achieved gold, silver or bronze designations eligible to win a grand prize draw package. These grand prizes, to be awarded January 15, 2010, include Olympic themed fun events involving ActNow BC Athlete Ambassador visits, 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Mascot visits, and other Winter Games-related prizes.





Sharing the D r e a m

All 2010 Spirit Schools registered by October 31st are also eligible for the Early Bird Prize Draw, with one lucky school earning their school and community a stop on the ActNow BC Road to 2010 Community Tour, where you can meet the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Mascots, meet ActNow BC Olympic and Paralympic Athlete Ambassadors, play interactive games and more! All bronze, silver and gold 2010 Spirit School schools will also receive a certificate commemorating their participation in the program.

Go for the Gold!

In order to receive a gold, silver or bronze designation, members of your school community must participate in Vancouver 2010 education programs and document their activities online. Go for the gold and get every class in your school engaged in using the 2010 Winter Games as an educational opportunity!

Bronze Medal schools must:

- Participate in the ActNow BC Healthy Living Pledge
- Participate in at least one (1) 2010 Winter Games educational program or activity
- Document their participation in each of these programs/activities by sharing their story on their community's GamesTown 2010 page!

Silver Medal schools must:

- Participate in the ActNow BC Healthy Living Pledge
- Participate in at least five (5) 2010 Winter Games educational programs or activities
- Document their participation in each of these programs/activities by sharing their story on their community's GamesTown 2010 page!

Gold Medal schools must:

- Participate in the ActNow BC Healthy Living Pledge
- Participate in at least ten (10) 2010 Winter Games educational programs or activities
- Document their participation in each of these programs/activities by sharing their story on their community's GamesTown 2010 page!

Detailed prize schedule and contest rules are available on the [2010 Spirit School](#) website.

If you have any questions about 2010 Spirit School or other 2010 education programs, please contact the Ministry of Education at: sharingthedream@gov.bc.ca.

Best of luck to you and your school as you go for the gold and become a 2010 Spirit School. We hope that you and your students have an enjoyable Olympic and Paralympic school year!