


Yellowknife Polar Bears at the Canada Summer Games



2008/2009 Polar Bear Swim Club Competitors

Nineteen swimmers from the Yellowknife Polar Bear Swim Club participated in the 2009 Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island, August 15 to 29. The senior members of the squad (pictured above) trained six days a week for the eleven months leading up to the Games. Their coach, Ian Legaree, estimated that they swam nearly 1.1 million meters towards their ultimate goal of representing the Northwest Territories at this premier national sporting event.

The NWT swim team also included three Hay River Lions swimmers, one member of the NWT Special Olympics Swim Team and coaches from Yellowknife, Hay River and Fort Smith.

Canadian North has been a proud sponsor of the Yellowknife Polar Bear Swim Club since 2003. During the 2008–2009 season, Canadian North flew Polar Bear swimmers and coaches to eight competitions outside the NWT plus an intensive five day training camp in Edmonton for the Canada Games squad at the end of July. Canadian North was also the airline chartered to bring the entire Northwest Territories team to the Canada Games. 

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