

# 2010 PEACE SPORT SPIRIT

**Alberta Summer Games** JULY 19-25 **Peace Region**

## **Press Release**

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The 2010 Alberta Summer Games would not be complete without a mascot, but here in the Peace Country, we like to do things just a little differently than the rest.

The mascots for this year's Games are James and Emma McDonald, pioneers who traveled thousands of miles by steamship, train and horse and buggy before they finally arrived in the Peace country in the early 1900s. They set up a homestead and over the next several decades built their farm and raised five children.

Some may wonder why we have chosen James and Emma as mascots for these Games, but if you think about it, the answer becomes obvious: This country was built by pioneers, many of whom were direct ancestors of current Peace country residents. Who better to represent the people of this area than those who were directly responsible for most of us being here in the first place?

Emma and James will be officially 'unveiled' at the Lac Cardinal Pioneer Village Museum Breakfast this Saturday, Feb. 13. They will also be taking in the Pond Hockey tournament, happening all weekend on Lac Cardinal.

Look for representatives of the 2010 Alberta Summer Games at the breakfast. They will have information on the Games and ways you can get involved. Events as large as the Summer Games can't happen without a lot of volunteer help. Whether you can contribute one hour or several months' worth of time, we'd love to have you join us and put your mark on the Games.

The St. Isidore Carnival is a popular Peace country event that features all the best winter has to offer. Members of the 2010 Alberta Summer Games will be there, as well, with details about everything you can look forward to this summer, as well as volunteer information and application forms.

Members of the media are invited to be at the Lac Cardinal Pioneer Village Museum around 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 for the official unveiling of our 2010 Alberta Summer Games mascots.