



WinSport Canada

Igniting Passion for Sport



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experiences for events ranging from romantic weddings to children's birthday parties and international sporting event celebrations.

WinSport Canada's Director of Food and Beverage, Jason McKay, explains that COP's chefs from Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Spain have combined their individual talents into a team that can meet any culinary challenge. Catered events at COP facilities are often surprising and never average.

Executive Sous Chef, Josh Powell describes COP's food philosophy as one of simplicity – not overcrowding a plate, but choosing quality, local ingredients that can tell their own story and satisfy the most discerning of palates. Great food must be paired with comparable service in order to be remarkable. Crystal Davies, catering supervisor, brings consistent, exceptional service to a wide variety of catering environments like the base of COP's Olympic-sized halfpipe or the recently renovated ATCO Centre.

Excellence. If there was one word to exemplify WinSport Canada's mission, that word would be excellence. The organization once known as the Calgary Olympic Development Association develops and maintains the facilities Canadian athletes need to discover, develop and, yes, to excel at winter sport. Canada Olympic Park (COP) is the heart of WinSport Canada's facilities. COP is just minutes from downtown Calgary on the road to Banff as well as the more metaphorical road to Vancouver 2010.

WinSport Canada encompasses unique venues from the 1988 Olympic Winter Games as well as leading-edge training facilities and massive new athletic developments. These facilities and WinSport Canada's mission are what makes a catered event or dining experience at COP different from the huge array of options to choose from in Western Canada.

From cocktail receptions for 50 at the Ski Jump Tower, Calgary's highest dining destination, to 500 person galas at the festival tent - a team of chefs from around the world create memorable dining



Families and visitors of every age flock to Canada Olympic Park year-round to enjoy a myriad of recreational activities, which typically build up a pretty healthy appetite. For example, there's nothing quite like coming off the hill to join a motley group of friends for an *Après Ski* at COP's **eightyeight** lounge.

Local products add quality and flavour to a menu full of comfort food and fun. A Park favourite is Australian poutine – chunky cut fries topped with smoked Canadian bacon and smothered with sour cream and gravy. Or this writer's choice is a juicy buffalo burger topped with Canadian bacon and an amazing blackberry ketchup best served with sweet potato fries and a garlic aioli dipping sauce. Both are samples of what's in store when you visit **eightyeight**.

With more than 20 years of experience at Canada Olympic Park, Liliana De-Luca sees hundreds of thousands of visitors come through her Food Court each and every year. Liliana supervises the preparation and presentation of fresh made salads, sandwiches, soups and daily specials

designed to keep the many thousands of kids running around the hill healthy and brimming with energy.

And how many times have you hurtled down an Olympic bobsleigh track at 120 km/h and followed that up with a hearty Sunday brunch and panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains? A fair guess would be not too many. The Naturbahn Teahouse, just a few metres from the start house for COP's public bobsleigh rides, was the original starting area for the natural luge track in '88 and is currently home to COP's Sunday Brunch.

A great meal or fun adventure are typically reward enough when visiting COP, but it's nice to know that every dollar that comes into the Park is used to continue to develop and maintain the facilities critical to Canadian winter sport success. At the 2006 Winter Games in Torino two-thirds of Canada's medal winners were trained at '88 legacy facilities. Every visitor to a WinSport Canada facility helps to grow that medal count as we work towards a common goal to become the number one winter sport nation.

