



Justin Trudeau Brings the Excitement of Katimavik – Canada’s Leading National Youth Service Program – to 650 Calgary High School Students

Calgary, April 10, 2006 – Justin Trudeau will be in Calgary on Wednesday, April 12th to speak with 650 senior high school students at Lester B. Pearson High School at 11:00 a.m. on behalf of Katimavik, Canada’s leading national youth service program. As Chair of Katimavik’s Board of Directors, Trudeau will be addressing these young Calgarians at a time when they are facing important life decisions and informing them about the unparalleled growth experience Katimavik offers. Katimavik is a chance to embark on an exciting nine-month journey of self-discovery which provides young Canadians with the opportunity to gain valuable life and work skills through volunteering and living in three different communities across Canada.

- Who:** Justin Trudeau, Chair of the Katimavik Board of Directors
- What:** Justin Trudeau introducing Calgary senior high school students to Katimavik, Canada’s leading national youth service program
- When:** April 12th, 2006
11:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Speech)
11:30 – 12:00 p.m. (Q&A with students)
- Where:** Lester B. Pearson High School
3020 – 52 Street North East
Gymnasium
- Photo-Op:** Justin speaking to a packed auditorium of 650 senior high school students and providing inspirational answers to their questions about their plans for the future

About Katimavik

Katimavik offers youth between the ages of 17 and 21 an exciting nine-month journey of self-discovery in three different regions of Canada. The program is based on the concept of service learning, which integrates both personal and professional development through volunteer work on community projects. In addition to working 35 hours a week on community projects participants benefit from a learning program that focuses on developing leadership skills, official languages proficiency, a healthy lifestyle, cultural discoveries and protecting the environment. Each Katimavik participant contributes an average of 900 hours of community work to partner organizations. Since 1977, more than 25,000 young Canadians have participated in the Katimavik program, developing their sense of civic responsibility and gaining self-confidence. Katimavik’s goal is to form responsible citizens who will contribute significantly to Canadian society.

Katimavik: a solid foundation for Canadian youth

The Government of Canada, through the Department of Canadian Heritage, is proud to provide financial assistance to Katimavik.

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