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Montréal, April 16, 2007 – Looking to get off the beaten path and live an experience that will lead you places you've never imagined? Always wanted to get involved in various community projects? Then Katimavik is just the thing for you! With its recruiting campaign currently in full swing, Katimavik gives thousands of youths aged 17 to 21 the unique opportunity to embark on a nine-month adventure that will make all the difference. With Katimavik, you will discover Canada in a stimulating and enriching context, while acquiring essential life skills. Wondering what your future choices will be? We all know that travel shapes youth, and Katimavik contributes to this development by offering a structured and structuring basis to maximize our young adults' personal and professional development. More than a mere summer camp, Katimavik represents a valuable step in your life plan, both on the academic and professional level.

As Canada's leading national youth service program, Katimavik allows youths to learn and get involved in a myriad of work projects for non-profit organizations, while participating in structured learning activities. Throughout your journey, you will develop your leadership skills, learn French or English, discover cultural diversity and participate in environmental projects. If you like challenges, then group living is definitely for you. Indeed, each group is composed of 11 members from across Canada, including three from Québec. Over the nine-month program, the group will live in three different Canadian regions, one after the other, including two anglophone and one francophone communities.

According to Catherine Jobin, her 2001 Katimavik experience was most revealing: "Being a part of this great adventure helped me understand our Canadian reality on every level, be it cultural, geographic, political or social. I learned about others' way of life through group living and my work within communities. I sincerely believe that Katimavik is a vital experience for any youth. Learning through travel, volunteering and especially community living is an enriching experience not only for oneself, but also for those one meets along the way, all across the country, as the months go by!" Catherine believes that participation in the Katimavik program is a great reference to present to any potential employer. She should know, since her experience with Katimavik enabled her to develop certain skills which got her a job as a coordinator for the *Festiblues* in Montréal.

Basically, it's 900 hours of volunteer work and nine months of your life that will bring out what's best in you. Furthermore, it's an all-inclusive experience: transportation, accommodations, food and awesome times will all be provided! So get on board and don't miss out on this adventure of a lifetime, in which you will face challenges that will shape your future! Sign up now online at www.katimavik.org.

New photo contest, check out SHAREYOUREXPERIENCE.CA

Everyone knows that a picture is worth a thousand words. It's with this in mind that Katimavik, to reflect the spirit of sharing and solidarity at the core of the program, has launched a photo contest on a new Web site. You don't have to want to join Katimavik to participate in this contest. In fact, SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE not only offers a great opportunity to learn about the Katimavik experience, but also to share photos from across Canada. Whether they've signed up to the program or not, all young shutterbugs are invited to share their personal experiences by posting fun, creative and inspiring photos of themselves on the Web site by 11:59 p.m. (EST), on **June 22, 2007**. To be eligible for this contest, photos must have been taken in Canada and correspond to at least one of the following categories: *travel*, *friendship* or *Canadian hometowns*. Discover today the passion that moves all Katimavik participants and share your own at www.shareyourexperience.ca.

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