



The Mini Page

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Next Week:
Take care of
your teeth

Let the Games Begin



photos courtesy POCOG

Mini Fact:

The medals were designed by Lee Suk-woo with a texture that looks like tree trunks.

Are you getting excited to watch the XXIII Winter Olympic Games beginning on Feb. 9 in Pyeongchang, South Korea? (Competition begins on Feb. 8, but the opening ceremony is on Feb. 9.)



All across the world, athletes are preparing to compete for the ultimate prize in sports: an Olympic gold medal.

What's new

- There are three new events this year: big air snowboarding, mass start speed skating, and mixed doubles curling. Big air contests will feature one dramatic jump and trick off of a 49-foot-high ramp.



The Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre will be the venue for snowboard and ski jumping events.

- This year, athletes from Russia will not be allowed to represent their country. The organization that controls the Olympics suspended, or stopped, Russia from competing because of claims that athletes had used drugs to help them perform better, with help from the Russian government.

Individuals may compete, but they will be required to wear a neutral uniform and have the title "Olympic Athlete from Russia" (OAR). During medal ceremonies, the Olympic anthem will be played rather than the Russian anthem.

Mascots

Each host of the Olympics creates mascots to represent their city, their nation and the "Olympic spirit." This spirit, or feeling, is that the Olympic athletes come together to compete in peace, friendship and fairness.



Soohorang

This year's mascot for the Olympics is a white tiger named Soohorang. The tiger is often seen in Korean mythology and folk tales. It represents trust, strength and protection.

Olympic Mini Facts

The 2018 Winter Olympics will include:

- seven sports, with 15 disciplines (DIH-seh-plenz), or types of competitions
- 102 medal events
- 22,400 volunteers for the Olympics and the Paralympic Games, which begin on March 9
- 259 sets of medals
- 2,800 athletes from 95 nations

Did you know that South Korea is 13 hours ahead of New York (Eastern Standard Time) and 16 hours ahead of Los Angeles (Pacific Standard Time)? When an athlete wins a medal at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in South Korea, a kid in St. Louis, Missouri, (Central Standard Time) might just be going to bed at 8 p.m. Tuesday!

Puzzling pictograms

A pictogram (PIC-toe-gram) is a symbol that represents something. For example, in ancient times, people drew pictograms (or pictographs) on rock walls to tell stories about their lives.

With each Olympics, pictograms are used to identify the events. The 2018 pictograms have been designed based on the Korean alphabet known as Hangeul. This is a system of letters that is unique to Korea, and it was also used in the design of the official Games emblems.

The Mini Page challenges you to a matching game! Try to match these pictograms to the following Olympic events: figure skating, biathlon, curling, bobsleigh, alpine skiing and snowboard cross.



Answers: 1. Bobsleigh; 2. Biathlon; 3. Snowboard cross; 4. Curling; 5. Figure skating; 6. Alpine skiing (speed)

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPolySched
- bit.ly/MPTeamUSA

At the library:

- "Incredible Olympic Records" by Tyler Mason

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Winter Olympics are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ALPENSIA, ANTHEM, CEREMONY, COMPETITION, DISCIPLINES, GAMES, GOLD, JUMP, MASCOT, NEUTRAL, OLYMPIC, PARALYMPICS, RAMP, SILVER, SOOHORANG, SPIRIT, SPORTS, SUSPENDED, TIGER, WATCH.	Y N G S C I P M Y L A R A P Q N R E G I T N T I R I P S P F O M J P L A R T U E N R A M P M E D I S C I P L I N E S U F E H S P O R T S I L V E R J M R T A I S N E P L A G O L D A E N V E C S U S P E N D E D S C A M Y N O I T I T E P M O C W A T C H N M C I P M Y L O O G A S O O H O R A N G H O L T
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Cook's Corner

'Maple' Crisp Dessert

You'll need:

- 5 apples, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon apple pie spice
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- low-fat vanilla ice cream



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

What to do:

1. Place apples in an 8-by-8-inch baking dish. Pour syrup over apples and coat evenly.
2. In a medium bowl, mix all dry ingredients together.
3. Combine dry ingredients with melted butter until mixture has a crumbly consistency.
4. Spoon mixture over apples.
5. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes until topping is golden brown.
6. Serve with low-fat vanilla ice cream. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. over (5) _____
2. go to see (5) _____
3. you take it to the beach (6) _____
4. very strong (8) _____
5. it lifts heavy things (5) _____
6. blocks that fit together (5) _____
7. cooked on charcoal (7) _____

GOS	ANE	VIS	ER
LL	KET	POW	IT
FUL	CR	ED	LE
ABO	GRI	BUC	VE

Answers: above, visit, bucket, powerful, crane, Legos, grilled.

Mini Jokes



Ollie: What is the hardest thing about speed skating?
Olive: The ice!

Eco Note



NASA's GRACE satellite keeps an eye on melting glaciers and their effects on rising sea levels. Glaciers are huge, thick masses of ice. They form when a lot of snow falls in one location over many years. The snow on the bottom gets squished down and turns to ice. Glaciers and ice sheets hold about 68 percent of the world's fresh water!

adapted from climatekids.nasa.gov

For later:

Using the first URL in Resources, make a schedule of which Olympic events you will watch. Keep track of which countries take gold, silver and bronze medals.

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