



Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club

2014 CCBC Workshop
My Adventures in Sochi



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My Background

- Volunteer in Cross Country Skiing 20-25 Years (HCCSC)
- Level 3 Official
- Volunteered in 2010 on Timing Team
- Chief of Comp for 2013 Ski Nationals
- Chair of Callaghan Valley Cross Country
 - CVXC hosts high level events at WOP

What First?

- So, you want to volunteer for the Olympics... again?
- It's not what you know... Or is it?
- Complete Online Application
 - <http://vol.sochi2014.com/en>

Sochi 2014 Shop Tickets Relay Mascots **Volunteers** Culture Job +

Russian AA Search Sitemap B f t

sochi.ru 2014 VOLUNTEER sochi.ru 2014 paralympic games

8 (800) 550-20-14
Get your local calls for free

News What is volunteering? Who are the games volunteers? Volunteer centres What to do? Where to work? Fags For registered users

VOLUNTEERS



What First?

- Interview via Skype
 - Hint of some of the disorganization
- Update My Picture
- Sign Volunteer Agreement
 - Print, sign and mail two copies
 - Agreement returned to sender
- Keep Waiting... and Waiting...



Accepted! Now What?

- Assigned to Course Prep Crew
- Do I Really Want to Go?
 - All my holidays
 - Not for 6 weeks
 - Family
 - Event commitments
- Flight
 - It ain't cheap! And I'm paying!
- Russian Visa



Pre-Games Prep

- Learn Russian
 - Learn the Cyrillic alphabet
- Find “Affordable” Flight
 - Up \$800 overnight!
- Online Training



Pre-Games Prep

- Lots of E-Mails to Sochi
 - Lots of apprehension
- Vancouver Volunteer Get-Together
 - Six days of liver...?
- Office Celebration
 - Rainbow gifts
 - Rainbow cookies!



Arrival

- Arrived Beside Olympic Park
- Getting to Mountain Cluster, Somehow
- Misty Day



The Accommodation

- I've Had Nicer



The Food



Transportation

- Trains and Buses
 - No cost for most
 - Efficient, once you learned the schedule



Security

- Police on Every Corner
- Military Stationed Along River, Rails
- Security Checkpoints
 - Items very restricted (e.g. no liquids, food)
 - Railway and Olympic zones integrated

Swag

- More than 2010 Olympics
 - Guess who's paying extra airline luggage fees



The Beauty

- Second Day – Weather Broke
– And the beauty was revealed!

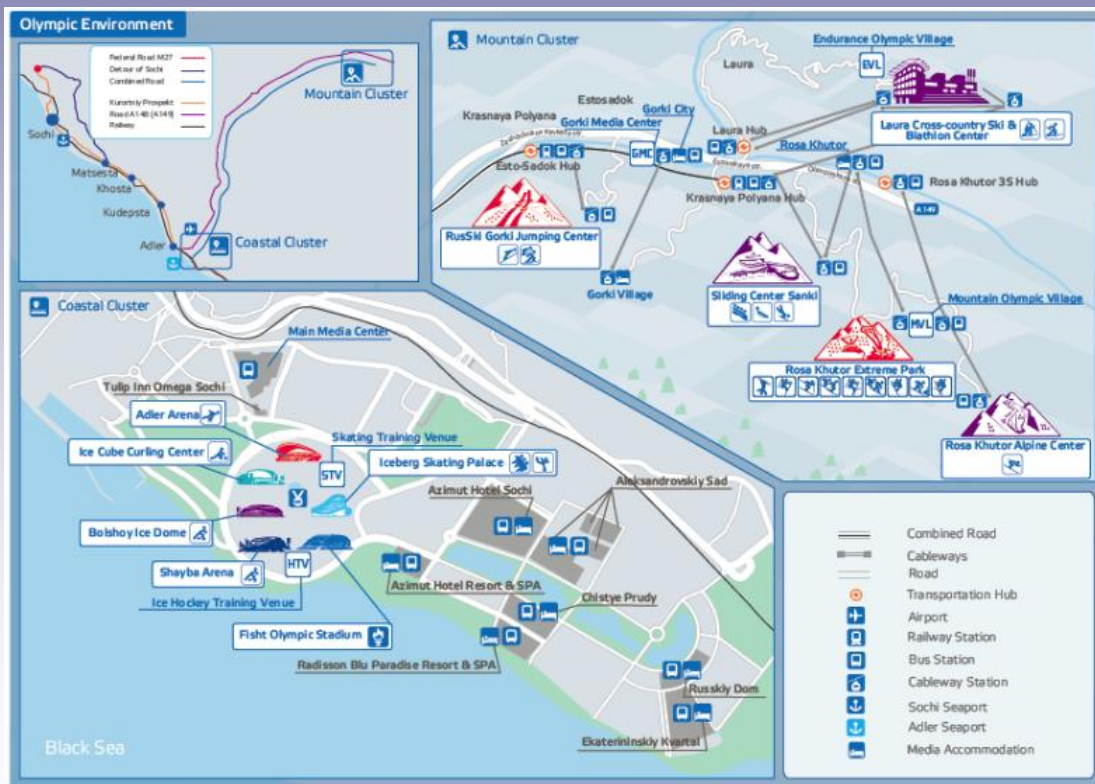


The Beauty



The Venues

- Coastal Cluster and Mountain Cluster



Coastal Cluster



Coastal Cluster



Mountain Cluster



Mountain Cluster



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Laura Centre

- Cross Country and Biathlon



Cross-country stadium

Biathlon stadium



Laura Centre

- Biathlon and Cross Country



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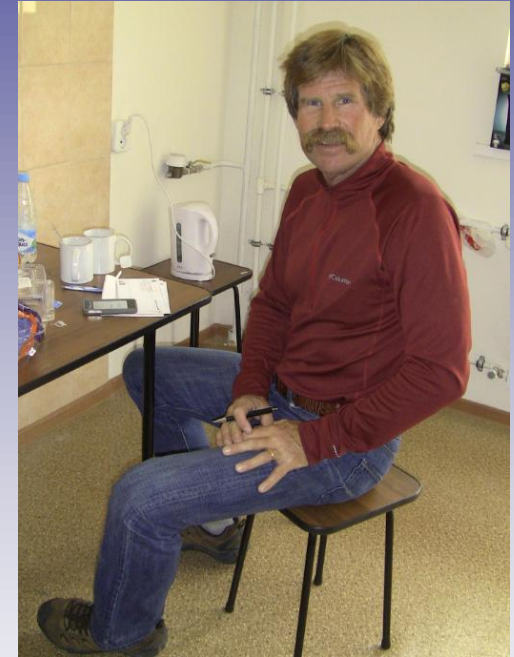
Laura Centre

- More Beauty



The People

- Made Many New Friends
 - From all over the world
 - One odd encounter



The People



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The Weather

- *Winter Olympics?*



The Weather

- Fog!
 - Cancellations!
- Some Snow Issues



The Weather

- Also Lots of Nice Days



Work

- Moving Equipment (Early On)
- Labelling V-Boards
- Snow Shovelling and Scraping
- Salting
- Lots of Time to Relax



Work

- Course Marking
- Fencing



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Play

- Attended Several Olympic Events
- Ballet



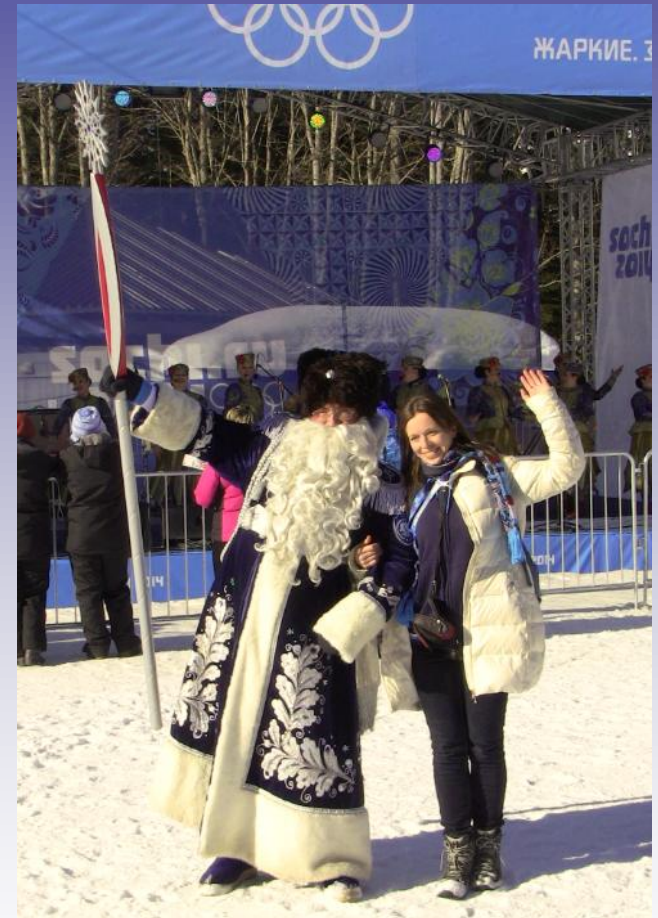
Play

- A Few Days After Olympics
 - Stalin's Dacha
 - 33 Waterfalls



Entertainment

- Olympics Live Sites
- On-Venue Entertainment
- Olympic Park



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The Rumours

- Yellow Water
- Stray Dogs Euthanized
- Shared Toilets
- Unfinished Buildings



I am Canadian!



I am Canadian!

- Russians Like Canadians



Canada House

- In Olympic Park
 - For family & friends
- Feb. 14 Open House
- Passport Fridge



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Canada House

- Saw Roch Voisine
- Just Missed Putin



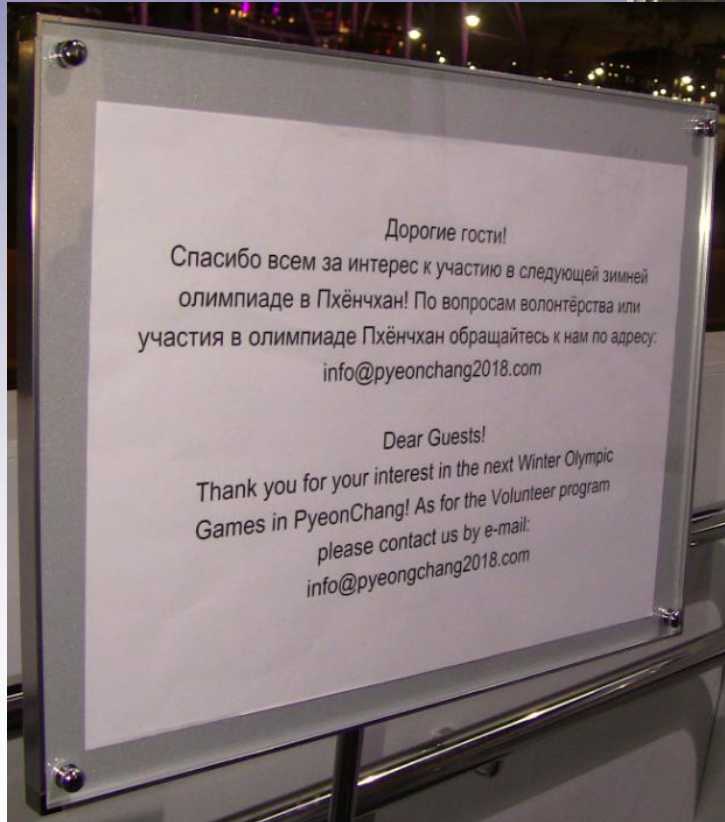
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Women's Hockey

- Absolute Best Moment of the Games!
 - Thank you Vasiliyi



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Questions?



<http://dirkinsochi.wordpress.com>



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