

Aboriginal Circle

FROM KAHNAWAKE TO SYDNEY

Do you love swimming and handball? Then don't miss the water polo competitions at the Sydney Olympic Games!



The co-captain of Canada's national women's team is Waneek Horn-Miller, a Mohawk from Kahnawake, near Montréal. Waneek, 25, is feeling nervous as the Olympic Games get closer. "But right now, we are training so hard that it is all I think



about." The team is very anxious to get to the Games.

"This dream about to come true has been a long journey started 17 years ago. I would not change one minute of it."



Sports and games have always been important for Aboriginal people. Traditionally, the purpose was to develop children's athletic abilities to help them become better hunters and fishers. Nowadays, young Aboriginal people like sports for the same reasons as other young people - for fun and the hope of winning a medal!

Did You Know That?

Like Waneek, kayak champion Alwyn Morris is also a member of the Mohawk community of Kahnawake. In the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Alwyn and teammate Hugh Fisher won the gold medal for the 1,000-metre race and the bronze medal for the 500-metre race. Alwyn was later appointed Ambassador of Youth for Canada and named to the Order of Canada.

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