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ISLAND STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALTITUDE YOUTH EXPERIENCE

Vancouver, B.C. (Oct. 22, 2007): Spirit of BC is pleased to announce Ashley Slade of Campbell River, Alita Dancy of Nanaimo, Minna Khtaria of Port Alberni and Cassandra Yoon of Mill Bay have been invited to join Altitude Youth Experience, a new program that provides opportunities for youth to gain leadership skills and make a difference in their community.

“We are thrilled to have Ashley, Alita, Minna and Cassandra take part in this exciting new initiative,” said Allen Langdon, director of Spirit of BC for 2010 Legacies Now. “By participating in Altitude, they will learn new skills and represent Vancouver Island youth as they work alongside community leaders to create local and lasting legacies.”

Ashley Slade, Alita Dancy and Minna Khtaria, all 17, and Cassandra Yoon, 16, join 56 other students from around the province who have been accepted into the Altitude Youth Experience program this year. Participants will become members of their local Spirit of BC community committee, and attended a leadership retreat at Camp Summit in Squamish Oct. 19-21.

Supported by 2010 Legacies Now and the Province of B.C., Spirit of BC is a province-wide program that promotes community innovation, pride and excellence, and involves British Columbians in the opportunities arising from the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. More than 95 Spirit of BC committees, representing more than 200 B.C. communities, are working to inspire people of all ages to address local needs related to sport and recreation, healthy living, arts and culture, literacy and volunteerism.

“Youth all over B.C. show leadership and commitment to their communities every day, and Altitude Youth Experience provides a formal opportunity for students to gain new skills and experience,” said Stan Hagen, Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts. “As Spirit of BC committee members, each of these 60 outstanding Altitude Youth Experience participants will have the chance to represent their peers and make their community an even better place to live and visit.”

2010 Legacies Now is a not-for-profit society that works in partnership with community organizations, non-government organizations, the private sector and all levels of government to develop sustainable legacies in sport and recreation, arts, literacy and volunteerism. 2010 Legacies Now actively assists communities to discover and create unique and inclusive social and economic opportunities leading up to and beyond the 2010 Winter Games.

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