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SIAST Kelsey hosts 2009 Western College Open Volleyball Championship

SIAST Kelsey Amaruks among the top teams set to pound the courts.

Thursday, November 26, 2009 – SIAST Kelsey is set to host the 2009 Western Canadian College Volleyball Championships starting Friday, November 27, 2009.

Twenty-five men's and women's teams from across the Prairie Provinces are ready to compete for the title of Best in the West. SIAST Kelsey Amaruk volleyball teams have a long tradition of excellence as a member of the Prairie Athletic Conference. This year is no exception.

"This will be the largest Westerns to date and the first time it will be held in Saskatchewan," says Al Peterson, department head, SIAST Kelsey Recreation. "The feature match of Friday evening will be the 5 p.m. women's match between SIAST Kelsey Amaruks and the U of A Augustana Vikings. Both teams just finished winning their provincial championships so it should be a great match to watch."

Staff from SIAST Kelsey's recreation department, students from the Recreation and Tourism program and student association staff are busy organizing and running the tournament. This weekend, more than 80 SIAST faculty, staff and students will be volunteering their time.

The competition runs from Friday afternoon through to the final matches on Saturday night. Friday evening will also feature a Skills Competition between the colleges starting at 8:30 p.m.

The general public is welcome to attend. The entry fee is \$5 per day.

Tournament details:

Date: November 27 & 28, 2009

November 27:

- Matches begin at 4 p.m.
- Skills Competition at 8:30 p.m.

November 28:

- Matches begin at 8 a.m.
- Women's Final at 7 p.m.
- Men's Final at 8 p.m.

Venue: Henk Ruys Soccer Centre
219 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon

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