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OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST BILLY MILLS TO HELP PREPARE TEAM SASKATCHEWAN FOR THE 2008 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

(Saskatoon, SK) Olympic Gold medalist Billy Mills will be the guest speaker at Team Saskatchewan's final training camp this Saturday, 7 p.m. July 12, 2008, at the White Cap Dakota First Nation. Mills won the 1964 Gold Medal for the United States in the 10,000 Metre race. Mills is an Oglala Lakota Sioux Indian from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. **Mills is available for telephone interviews upon request.**

"We are very honoured and excited to have an Olympic champion come and speak to our youth," says FSIN Vice Chief Lyle Whitefish. "Billy Mills knows the importance athletics plays in a young person's development."

"Sport to me is to teach life values. It's no different than a grandmother teaching life values to her grandchildren," says Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills. "What I took from sport was the journey, not the destination. It's the choices we make daily in life and not necessarily our talent that choreographs our destiny."

The North American Indigenous Games will be held this year in Cowichan, British Columbia, from August 2 – 10, 2008. Saskatchewan has won five of six team titles since the inception of the games back in 1990. This year's team will have more than 400 athletes with close to 100 coaches and Mission staff.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the spirit and intent of the Treaties, as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of the Treaty promises that were made more than a century ago.

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