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400 CHILDREN PAINT OLYMPIC STADIUM FENCE

ATLANTA (October 11 , 1993) - Children from nine schools in neighborhoods surrounding the Olympic Stadium construction site are joining forces this week to add a little local color to the site's construction fence.

More than 400 children , grades one through twelve , will express their artistic talents along the fence lining Capitol Avenue and Little Street . Approximately 4,500 square feet , nearly half of the four block barricade , will be painted Wednesday , October 13 , and Thursday , October 14 , between 9 : 00 a. m. and 3 : 00 p.m.

The theme will be to complement The Atlanta Committee for the Olympics Games (ACOG's) 1993 in school curriculum program that is entitled " The Olympic Spirit : A Worldwide Connection , " children from each participating school have been assigned particular countries to represent in their painting . Educators have been working with children in the classroom to help them formulate ideas for the mural in advance of the two day paintfest .

" This is an excellent way for children to learn the value of teamwork and participation , important elements of the Olympic Movement , " said Ann W. Kinbrough , ACOG's director of community relations , who has been spearheading the fence painting activity . " They are also demonstrating what they have learned about countries in the Olympic Family while creating a visual panorama that expresses who they are and enhances their neighborhood .

Sponsors of the 1996 Olympic Games will work with the children at the site to help guide the activity . Employees of worldwide sponsors such as the Coca Cola Company , VISA , Panasonic , The Home Depot , and IBM are participating .

Thirty – five gallons of paint , 600 paint brushes , 1000 paint stirrers , and 1200 mini paint buckets are being used in the creation of the montage . ACOG plans to repeat the painting activity as stadium construction continues until the entire perimeter of the site presents a kid's eye view of the 1996 Olympic Games .

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