

DENISE MORGAN

JUDO ALBERTA VOLUNTEER PROFILE



How did you get involved in volunteering with Judo Alberta or at judo events / club?

I first started volunteering with the Canmore Judo Club helping with the Inter-Provincial Training Camps. When McKenzie started training at the Airdrie Judo Club, I really started to get more involved, helping out at tournaments, I was on the Board and as I got to know them better, Trevor Hazell asked me if I would assist with the Alberta Winter Games and that's where it really started.

What Judo Club are you associated with? Where do you live?

I'm registered with the Airdrie Judo Club but consider myself to be associated with the Canmore Judo Club, Hiro's Judo Club and Lethbridge Judo Club. McKenzie has trained at all locations and Terry and I have volunteered to assist with tournaments and Casino nights for all of them.

What brings a smile to your face as a volunteer? What event has brought a smile you your face?

If I'm organizing the event - pulling it off and making it look easy and memorable for the attendees.

There are too many events to list.

What do you enjoy about judo?

I enjoy watching and cheering on Team Alberta. I've come to know a few of our athletes and I like seeing them succeed on and off the mats. Getting to know their parents is a bonus as well.

Fondest / rewarding Judo moment?

I have two:

1st - Terry and I being recognized as Volunteer(s) of the Year in 2015

2nd - Accepting the award for McKenzie as Male Athlete of the year at the Judo Alberta 75th Anniversary banquet in Calgary in 2018.

Why do you volunteer?

Gratification, being human, giving back, the feeling you get inside when you know you've done something well/good. Meeting people, making connections, learning new things.