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# AWESOME Reasons to Watch the 2018 Winter Olympics as a Family



## 1. Catch a glimpse of life on the other side of the globe.

The 2018 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Pyeong Chang, South Korea. As Olympic coverage offers panoramic views of the South Korea's landscape, commentators will drop facts about a part of the world your family may have never seen. Your kids will learn a thing or two without even realizing it.

## 2. Introduce your kids to other cultures.

South Korea isn't the only country your kids will be introduced to during the Olympics. During the opening ceremony on February 9, athletes representing some 92 countries will be featured. Try pulling out a map and locating each athlete's home country with your kids.

## 3. Teach the importance of perseverance and hard work.

Some athletes overcome tremendous odds, fight career-ending injuries or make life-altering sacrifices to become Olympians. Your kids will be inspired to watch them in action.

## 4. Show that winning isn't everything.

Most of the athletes that compete in the Olympics never make it to the podium. Kids will see the honor and pride in trying your best, even if you ultimately come up short of your goal.

## 5. Open a discussion about world concerns.

The games offer an opportunity to open a conversation with older kids about global issues, from relations between countries to environmental concerns. Thoughtful dialogue about controversies may spark the inner Changemaker in your child.

## 6. Express national pride.

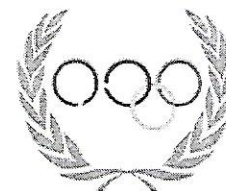
There's nothing quite like cheering on a fellow countryman as he or she goes for the gold. Cheering for athletes sporting the stars and stripes is a great way for your child to express national pride.

## 7. It's just plain fun!

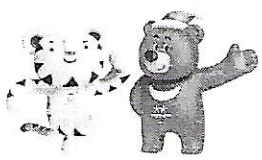
Watching the Winter Olympics makes for some fun family bonding. Have your kids pick their can't-miss competitions and settle in under some blankets with snacks and hot chocolate. Fill out the scavenger hunt on the back of this sheet together and go on a learning adventure. You might just remember the sweet moments with your family more than you remember the medal count.

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# Olympic Scavenger Hunt



As you enjoy the 2018 Winter Olympics, answer the following questions in each block. When you complete the Scavenger Hunt, turn it in to your Global Studies teacher by **Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** to receive a prize.

Dates of the 2018 Winter Olympics	Colors of the Olympic Rings	Name of the Olympic Mascot
Name of an Olympian from Maryland	2 Events in the 2018 Winter Olympics	Name of a Sports Venue in PyeongChang
Olympic Motto		Sketch of the 2018 Winter Olympic Emblem
Location of the Last Winter Olympics	Location of the Next Winter Olympics	Date of the Next Winter Olympics
Name of a Country That is New to You!	Your Favorite Memory of the 2018 Winter Olympics	Sketch of the 2018 Winter Olympic Metal

**The 2018 Winter Olympics are COMING!!!**