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**Story Headline:** Olympic downhill skiing Champion Lindsey Vonn says ‘don’t underestimate me’ ahead of Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 as the IOC names her a Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 Ambassador.

**Date:** 10 December 2017

**Location:** St. Moritz, Switzerland

**Language:** English & German

**SHOT LOG & transcripts of soundbites:**

00:02 Overview of St. Moritz from frozen lake: Lausanne 2020 speed skating venue

00:08 Wide shot of St. Moritz Olympic resort

00:11 Shot of the Olympic resort as horse cart and two skiers pass by

00:22 Close up of Olympic flag at St. Moritz Olympic venue
00:26 Winter Olympic Champion Lindsey Vonn cheered by children from the Alpina Ski Club in St. Moritz

00:31 Detail of one of the young winter athletes during the meet and greet with Lindsey Vonn

00:34 Vonn addresses gathered children while cradling pet dog

00:41 A young participant pays attention to Lindsey Vonn's words during the meeting

00:45 SOUND BITE: Lindsey Vonn, Winter Olympic Champion, Women’s Downhill Skiing Vancouver 2010 & Ambassador for the Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 (English Language)

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think that it is very important, so I am glad and proud to be an ambassador and I think Lausanne 2020 is going to be amazing”

01:11 Wide shot of Lindsey Vonn and the young winter athletes during the meet and greet session

01:17 Detail shot of another one of the skiers from the Alpina Ski Club

01:22 Vonn undergoing the meeting session with young children in Saint-Moritz

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02:01 Lindsey Vonn takes pictures with the meeting participants and detail shot of the American Winter Olympic Champion

02:07 SOUNDBITE: Bigna Schmellentin, Swiss skier
"Before Lausanne 2020 I have to train hard and build my motivation"

02:15 Lindsey Vonn autographs one of the participant’s coats

02:20 SOUNDBITE: Marco Meili, Swiss skier
"What motivates me is that the more difficult it gets the more I want to do"

02:28 SOUNDBITE: Martin Berthod, Director of Sport and Events, St Moritz (English Language)
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02:54 Some of the kids petting Lindsey Vonn’s dog

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“I have been, anxiously awaiting these Olympics for the last eight years. I have been training especially hard this summer. You know, I am really trying to make sure I do not miss anything: from my diet to my travel and of course my workouts, my skiing... Everything that I have done has been in preparation for these Olympics. So, right now I am trying to stay healthy going in. So far it is not going very well but, you know, I think I am saving all of my luck for February. Hopefully everything will work out the way that it is supposed to”
04:01 Vonn and the young athletes pose for the cameras with the Lausanne 2020 logo

04:05 SOUNDBITE: Lindsey Vonn, Winter Olympic Champion, Women’s Downhill Skiing Vancouver 2010 & Ambassador for the Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 (English Language)
“Most of the time younger athletes, I mean I was the same… underestimate the older athletes. But the one thing that I have is experience: I know how to handle the pressure and I know… I just know a lot about the sport, so…”

04:24 The American skier giving more autographs to the children from the Alpina Ski Club

04:34 SOUNDBITE: Lindsey Vonn, Winter Olympic Champion, Women’s Downhill Skiing Vancouver 2010 & Ambassador for the Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 (English Language)
“I think that the Olympics are always a platform to bring people together. When you look at the past and all the wars and international crises that have been going on, the Olympics has always something that people can look forward to, no matter what country you come from and you can cheer for your country, you
can cheer for the foreigners... And you can for a brief moment forget about everything else that is going on in the world and really get excited about something. So I hope that is what will happen in these Olympic Games, I hope that we can come together, the world as a whole, and make peace with each other for one small moment and hopefully be a better place for it”

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EXTRA VIDEO CONTENT: Lindsey Vonn & Martin Berthod (English and German Languages)

00:02 Wide and close up shots of 1928 Winter Olympic Games memorial plaque in St. Moritz

00:10 Winter Olympic Champion Lindsey Vonn cheered by St. Moritz children from the Alpina Ski Club

00:14 Close up child athlete

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“I think that the most important thing the kids will learn from the Youth Olympic Games is cultures. It is a chance for them to experience things that they normally would not be able to experience. And it’s not so much about the competition but about being together and sharing that experience and learning..."
from it and growing as human beings and then going on in the future to hopefully becoming Olympians”.

00:42 Rear shot of Vonn and pet dog during meet and greet session in St. Moritz

00:48 Close up of one of the young participants

00:52 SOUNDBITE: Lindsey Vonn, Winter Olympic Champion, Women’s Downhill Skiing Vancouver 2010 & Ambassador for the Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 (English Language)  
“I think that what the Olympics stand for and the Olympic spirit is definitely important and I think that if that message can get across to the next generation and the young age I think it definitely could potentially have a big impact on their lives and in a very positive way”.

01:09 Close up Vonn’s pet dog
01:13 SOUNDBITE: Lindsey Vonn, Winter Olympic Champion, Women’s Downhill Skiing Vancouver 2010 & Ambassador for the Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 (English Language)
“I do not know if these will be my last Olympics, but I imagine it will be. You know, my body has taken a very solid beating over the course of my career so I am not sure it can handle anymore but I will definitely keep skiing if it is possible, always have to take it day by day and year by year and see what happens”.

01:36 Lindsey Vonn and young winter athletes posing for the media

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02:33 Overview of the frozen lake of St. Moritz in Switzerland, speed skating venue of the Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games

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03:18 Wide shot of Saint-Moritz

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