

ABORIGINAL SERVICES

FALL 2010



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Calgary

NEWS



Meet Our Staff!

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— Traditional Artist

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Sept 2: Licensed Out of School Care begins

Sept 6: Clubs Closed for Labour Day

Sept 13-17: Club Open Houses

Sept 15: Membership Registration Night 5pm-8pm

Sept 27: Fall Programs Begin

Oct 11: Clubs Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 11: Clubs Closed for Remembrance Day

Dec 1: Winter Programs, Teachers' Convention & Spring Break Day Camps Registration Begins

Dec 17: Fall Programs End

Dec 18 – Jan 2: Clubs Closed for Winter Break

Did You Know?

- In 1929 the Great Depression began in Canada, but 1929 also symbolizes the year in which the Boys and Girls Club became a National Organization.
- Boys and Girls Clubs have partnered with the Calgary Stampede for the past 38 years to ensure the grounds are kept clean!
- That the first parliament stone was laid down in Canada in 1860, the same year that the first Boys and Girls Club was established.

CLUB UPDATES

The Aboriginal Services team is dedicated to working with the community and supporting our youth to embrace their talents and gifts. We utilize traditional teachings to assist in our programming and mandate, while being respectful to all world views. We believe that all youth have the right to feel safe – accepted and celebrated.

We are excited about this fall's programming! The Iiyika'kimaat leadership program, funded by the United Way of Calgary and Area, is pleased to be commencing a 3rd year of the program. Iiyika'kimaat will run on Wednesday evenings and is for youth ages 13 to 21 looking to gain leadership skills.

Aboriginal Services is also pleased to announce traditional Pow-wow dancing for the youth this fall. We will be offering a beading and regalia workshop for youth and parents interested in creating outfits for the pow-wow dance group that will run at the same time. In addition we will be offering recreational activities, traditional art with our resident artist Gordon Lawlor and many more activities!

Many programs will be offered in various communities and within Greater Forest Lawn Area schools, providing additional support for our youth and families as they face the challenges of the new academic school year. In an attempt to connect youth with their culture, the Aboriginal Services Team will also be hosting a monthly sweat lodge that will be available to the Boys and Girls Club members. We look forward to seeing you this year!

Safe journey,

The Aboriginal Services Team

PROGRAM UPDATES

Licensed Out Of School Care (LOOSC)

Are you looking for reliable, quality, affordable and fun afterschool care for your children? Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary are pleased to be continuing to offer our families Licensed Out of School Care. Licensed Out of School Care will run Monday to Friday from after school until 6pm, starting September 2nd, 2010 until June 30th, 2011. LOOSC will also offer full day care from 9am-6pm on school PD days as well as Day Camps on Teacher's Convention and Spring Break, which are included in the monthly fee. Support in applying for government subsidy to cover the cost of the \$310.00 monthly fee is available from our staff team. Each community club has only 15 spots, so talk to club staff to register and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity!

Ready, Set, Go! Preschool

& Family Program (RSG)

RSG is excited to be starting a new school year! Applications are still being accepted for the RSG program at the Penbrooke and Bowness Clubs. Ready, Set, Go! is a low cost, play-based preschool program for 3 & 4 year olds, which also includes a parenting component to support families with the joys and challenges of parenting. Ready, Set, Go! takes advantage of the optimum time in a child's development to encourage and support learning, early literacy, socialization, creativity, physical growth, problem solving skills, and emotional awareness. We strive to provide a foundation of school – readiness skills to every child. The Program begins early September and runs until June. To register please call: 403-543-7607 (Penbrooke) or 403-999-5827 (Bowness).

Fall Registration

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Fall is upon us which means it's time to renew your annual membership. Membership renewals and Fall program registration begins on Wednesday September 15th. Clubs will be hosting a special registration night on September 15th from 5:00-8:00 pm. This is your first opportunity to renew your membership and sign up for Fall programs!

Not able to attend the registration night? No problem! Please contact program staff to arrange another time to register. Registration is ongoing until May 2011.

Membership costs are \$25 for an individual child and \$55 for a family. Benefits of an annual membership include access to after school, weekend and evening programs, reduced rates on Day Camps and Camp Adventure and participation in many special events throughout the year!



ABORIGINAL CLUB

We are on the web!

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteering is Difficult Without "U"!

Do you have some extra time on your hands? Feel like giving back to your community but don't know how? Boys and Girls Clubs are always looking for new volunteers to help improve our programs. Our positive impact on communities that we serve, would not be possible without the dedication, passion and commitment of our volunteers. Why volunteer? Volunteers gain improved interpersonal skills, communication skills and increased knowledge through their experiences. For more information on how you can get involved, please give us a call!

Earn High School Credits for Volunteering

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary, in partnership with Chinook Learning Services, are excited to be giving students the opportunity to earn high school credits by volunteering at community clubs throughout the city. There are many different volunteer opportunities at Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary. Students can share their interests and hobbies by mentoring, coaching and leading different activities in their preferred area of expertise. For more information, please contact staff at your local club staff.



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