

Winter 2010

Penbrooke Meadows Club



BGCC Newsletter



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Calgary

Meet Our Staff!

Kim Dirksen Program Coordinator
Jade Pecson—Sr. Programmer
Stephenie Szekely Programmer
**Lynne Brownell, Julie Wagner,
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—Ready, Set, Go! Staff
Shauna Pivarynik—Home-Start
Coordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Nov 30 – Winter Programs, Teachers' Convention & Spring Break Day Camps Registration Begins

Dec 21 – Jan 3 – Club Closed for the Holidays

Jan 11-16 – Winter Programs Begin!

Feb 11&12 – Teachers' Convention Day Camps

Feb 19- Stampede Recruitment Talk
6pm-7pm

Mar 5— Stampede Job Skills Workshop
6pm-7:30pm

Mar 15-19 Last week of Winter Programs

Mar 29 –April 6—Spring Break Day Camps

Did You Know?

* Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary have been providing programs to children, youth and families for over 70 years!

* For the safety of your children they should not arrive for their programs any earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of their program. Staff are not available to supervise them and they will not be allowed in the club.

* If you are picking your child up, please be on time as we are not able to offer child care.

* Our club is a "Peanut Aware" club! We cannot guarantee a completely peanut free environment, but do our best to ensure that there are no peanut products at the club. Please be sure that you do not pack any snacks or products that may contain traces of peanuts or peanut butter.

* Staff do not answer the phones during programs (to better attend to your children).

* In 2008, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary served over 40,000 children, youth and families!!

CLUB UPDATES

Winter Program Registration—Winter Registration begins on Monday Nov 30th at 9:00am for programs and day camps. Families can either call in and register or stop by and talk to one of the staff at the club.

Day Camps—The Club will be holding day camps over the following dates. Camps will run daily from 9am-3:30pm and are open to children ages 9-12. Costs per camp and information about theme activities can be found below. Registration for both camps is on a "first come, first served" basis. For more information or to register, please call the club.

- **Teachers' Convention—Feb 11 & 12** Cost: \$10/day
Activities: swimming, science experiments, snowshoeing, games and more!
- **Spring Break—March 22-26** Cost: \$65/week
Activities: Discover Great Escapes: rock-climbing, hiking, swimming, outdoor sports and games, and more!

Licensed Out of School Care—Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary are excited to announce that we will be offering Licensed Out of School Care at our 6 community clubs in 2010. Having these spaces available to your family will give you the opportunity to secure quality, reliable and affordable after school care for your child Monday – Friday 3:00-6:00pm. The clubs will even be offering care during school professional days. Support in applying for government subsidy to cover this cost of the \$310.00 monthly fee will be available from our staff team. Please speak to club staff if you would like to be put on the Out of School Care interest list to learn more information when the time comes, or if you would like more information around the government subsidy process. We can't wait to offer you and your family this amazing opportunity.

Stampede Work Experience Program 2010—Come join us to celebrate 38 years of work experience with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary and the Calgary Stampede 2010. Club members who will be 12 and older before July 8, 2010 are eligible to apply for summer employment at the Calgary Stampede through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary. Recruitment and Job Skills workshops are held at the Clubs to relay Stampede information and teach youth about the application process, resume writing and interview techniques. The youth will be able to apply these skills now and in any future job! Please contact Club staff for more information!

PROGRAM UPDATES

Club Fundraising

Each year the Penbrooke Meadows Boys and Girls Club is responsible to fundraise through various initiatives: jelly bean dances, chocolate almonds, highway clean up etc. This money goes towards the daily operations of our club and programs.

LET'S REACH THIS GOAL TOGETHER! If you are interested in helping out, please talk to staff about ways you can help.

Our next fundraiser is:

One Stop Holiday Shop—Back by popular demand, we will be taking orders for the bath products made by the Penbrooke "Kid Elves" . Please help support the kids and the club by putting in an order today. They make great holiday gifts!!!

New Programs for Fall:

Expanded Drop In—5 days a week!

Monday to Friday. Due to the huge success of our Structured Drop In programs in Fall we have expanded the programs for the new year!

Off The Wall Indoor Wall Climbing Program

—Join us Friday nights for some indoor wall climbing adventures. We will be meeting at the club and then driving to the Renfrew Hanger to learn the basics of climbing and to have fun challenging ourselves on the climbing wall.

Keep It Kool—This is an amazing program that works with children and youth to explore their feelings and emotions and channel them into positive and creative outlets. For more information, please call the club.

Upcoming Club Events:

(also check out the Events Board at the Club)

- Club Winter Holiday Party—Come out and celebrate with us on December 12 from 10-11:30am. We will be having a potluck, games & activities and a visit from Santa! We hope that you can come and celebrate with us!

When Home-Start Meets A Family—LIVES CHANGE

Many of you may not know that we have a fantastic program called Home Start that is based at the club. HOME-START is a community program that provides trained and experienced volunteers who offer support, friendship and practical assistance to families with children under the age of five. To learn more about how to access the Home-Start program or to volunteer please contact: Shauna Pivarnyk Home-Start Coordinator at 403-543-7605



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STAFF AND VOLUNTEER NEWS

We would like to wish **Laura Goldberg** all the best as she left the club to pursue other opportunities.

The Club would like to welcome **Jade Pecson** our new Sr. Programmer. Jade will be joining us in December and we're very excited to have her on the team. Jade brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise and we know that she is a great fit for the club and our community! Next time you're at the club, please stop by and say "hello".

Welcome back to our wonderful volunteers: **Dawn, Riley, Fernando, Catherine, Jas, Theresa, Breeanna, Misty, and Marlynn!** In the fall block these fantastic volunteers gave over 150 hours of volunteer time to help support programs, coach sports, teach baking, lead activities and help around the club. WOW! The club (and all of our staff and members) want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of the wonderful volunteers we have involved in our club and our programs. The ideas, passion, energy and time that you give to our programs is amazing and has made a huge impact in the quality of our programs and the experience of our members. Thank you!

We are always looking for community volunteers – please let us know if you're interested, we'd love to meet you!

Did you know that you can earn high school credits by volunteering with Boys and Girls Clubs? Students can earn up to 15 credit through volunteering at the club. Call the club for more info.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



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Penbrooke Meadows Club — Winter 2010

Time:	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
Morning/ Lunch		Ready, Set, Go! (A) Ages 3-5 9:00-11:15am Parent Talk 9:00-11:15am	Ready, Set, Go! (B) Ages 3-5 9:00-11:15am Parent Talk 9:00-11:15am Homework Help @ Penbrooke Meadows	Ready, Set, Go! (A) Ages 3-5 9:00-11:15am	Ready, Set, Go! (B) Ages 3-5 9:00-11:15am	Family Adventures Dates TBA	
Afternoon	Ready, Set, Go! (C) Ages 3-5 1:00-3:15pm Parent Talk 1:00-3:15pm Drop In Homework Help Jr. Chefs Radical Science Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm Kid Power Ages 3-5 3:30-5:30pm	Ready, Set, Go! (D) Ages 3-5 1:00-3:15pm Drop In Homework Help Club.com Variety Sports Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm PasSport to Dance Ages 9-12 3:00-5:30pm	Ready, Set, Go! (C) Ages 3-5 1:00-3:15pm Drop In Homework Help Jr. Chefs Encore Art Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm	Ready, Set, Go! (D) Ages 3-5 1:00-3:15pm Parent Talk 9:00-11:15am Drop In Kid Power Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm Keep It Kool Ages 9-12 3:30-5:00pm	Drop In Homework Help Board Game Madness Kid Fit Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm	Ready, Set, Go & Parent Talk programs run from Jan—June. All other programs begin the week of Jan 11– 18 and end the week of March 15-19 (unless noted otherwise)	
Evening	360 Girls Mentoring Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30pm Routes Grade 7 & up 6:00-8:00pm	Jr. Basketball Ages 9-12 6:00-8:30pm Club.com Ages 9+ 6:30-8:30pm	360 Girls Mentoring Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30pm Great Escapes Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30	Sr. Floor Hockey Ages 13-17 6:30-8:30pm Jr. Chefs Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30pm	Off The Wall—Indoor Rock Climbing Ages 9-12 6:15-8:15pm Babysitting Ages 11.5 & up 6:15-8:15		