

SPRING 2010 PENBROOKE MEADOWS CLUB



BGCC Newsletter



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Calgary

Meet Our Staff!

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— Ready, Set, Go! Staff

DATES TO REMEMBER!

March 15— Spring, Summer and
Camp Adventure Registration Begins

March 17—Area Captain
Applications Due

March 19—Last Day of Winter
Programs

March 29-April 1—Spring Break Day
Camps

April 8—Tax Clinics at Club
5:30pm-8:30pm

April 6-April 9—Spring Break Day
Camps

April 12—Spring Programs
Begin

April 21—Stampede Applications
Due

May 1—Annual Highway Clean Up

June 5—Family Carnival

June 13—Spruce Meadows Show
Your Spirit Event

June 18—Last Day of Spring
Programs

July 5—Summer Day Camps Begin

Did You Know?

*Our Mission Statement - To provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

*There are over 100 Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada!

*There are Eight Community Clubs in Calgary.

* Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary now offers Licensed Out of School Care at Six Calgary Community Club Locations. Contact your local Club for more information.

*We are always looking for Youth and Adult volunteers to help with Club programs and events. We offer various types of involvement that require different time commitments, skills and experiences. If you are interested in getting involved please contact your local Club or e-mail volunteer@bgcc.ab.ca.

CLUB UPDATES

STAMPEDE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

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!

Important Stampede Application Deadlines:

Area Captain Applications are due to any of the Clubs by Wednesday March 17, 2010.

General Applications are due to any of the Clubs by Wednesday April 21, 2010.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS & CAMP ADVENTURE

Don't miss out on the amazing fun we are going to have this summer! Summer day camps will run July 5th until August 20th, from 9:00am to 3:30pm daily. Each week will have a variety of games, crafts and activities related to the theme of the week! Pre-care and post-care will be available if there is enough interest. The cost of summer day camps is \$65/week (members) and \$130/week (non-members) for 5-day weeks and \$55/\$110 respectively for 4-day weeks. Please check in at the club for an outline of weekly themes and specialty camps. For more information about Camp Adventure, including dates and costs, please check out our website. If you have any other questions, please contact Clubs staff. **Registration for Summer Day Camps and Camp Adventure will begin March 15.** Spaces for summer camps fill up quickly, so register early to ensure your spot.

ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEAN UP—MAY 1

Each year, on the first Saturday in May, youth across the province take to the ditches to make Alberta's highways cleaner. This event raises over \$1,000 for the Club, but we need your help to do it! We are looking for groups of children age 9 and up to come out and make the highway sparkle, as well as adult volunteers to supervise and help out! Training, safety gear and snacks will be provided to all participants. Help the environment and help your club! Contact the staff to sign up.

SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for Spring Programs, Camp Adventure, and Summer day camps begins on Monday March 15th at 9:00am. Families can either call in and register or stop by and talk to one of the staff at the club. Camp Adventure forms will also be available at the club starting March 15th.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Club Fundraising

Each year the Penbrooke Meadows Club is responsible for fundraising \$5000 through various initiatives. This money goes towards the daily operations of our club and programs.

You can help by:

- Donating bottle & cans
- Helping out with special events Supporting Club Program Fundraisers
- Encouraging your company to donate to Boys and Girls Clubs!

LET'S REACH THIS GOAL TOGETHER!

New Programs for Spring:

CIT/LIT

Are you interested in being involved in Camp Adventure or summer day camps and having a meaningful volunteer experience? Then you should sign up for the Leaders (L) and Counselors (C)-in-training program! This is a great opportunity for youth to gain valuable skills and earn high-school credits.

Youth who are interested in working with children and youth are strongly encouraged to register.

New Programs for Spring (continued): **Ready, Set, Go! Preschool & Family Program—Now Accepting Registration for 2010-11 school year.**

The Penbrooke Club also offers the Ready, Set, Go! Program for families with children aged 3-5. This multicultural family-centred program offers a play-based pre-school experience to children that enhances their social and emotional skill development, English language skills, and preparation for Kindergarten. Contact the club to register for Fall class start.

Club Events

Spruce Meadows – Show Us Your Spirit Event – Sunday, June 13

Can you cheer really loud? Do you

love coming to the club? Did you ever think that you would hear us asking you to “keep the volume up” or use your “outdoor voice”? If the answer to any of these is “YES” then you’re invited to join us at Spruce Meadows to cheer on a competition and enjoy a day of horse jumping. The bonus: the group that cheers the loudest can win \$10,000 for their agency!!! We hope that you'll come, raise your voices and help us make some money for the club! Contact the club to sign up for this great event!

4th Annual Family Carnival—June 5

Join us for some summer fun!! We will be hosting carnival games, face painting, family activities and a BBQ for all Club and Ready, Set, Go! families. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the sun will be shining and we can't wait to kick off summer!



PENBROOKE CLUB

We are on the web!

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEER NEWS

- The Club is excited to have had **Tanya Zimmerman** at the Club for the past few months. Tanya is a student at the University of Calgary and has been doing her practicum with our Club. Tanya has been a fantastic addition to our team
- Welcome also to **Lydia T.** who will be teaching the Passport to Dance program! We're very excited to have her and look forward to showcasing our kids' dance skills!!
- Do you enjoy working with children? Do you want to develop skills and discover your strengths and talents? Then we need you! We are searching for volunteers for our drop in programs and evening programs that run Monday to from 3:00-5:30pm and 6-8:30pm. We are very flexible with the days and times to volunteer. If you volunteer, you can participate in fun activities such as wall climbing, cooking, homework help, arts and crafts, sports leagues (basketball, soccer, hockey), board games, and science experiments! Talk to Jade to sign up.
- Did you know that you can earn high school credits by volunteering with Boys and Girls Clubs? Students can earn up to 15 credits through volunteering at the club. Check out the info above about the CIT/LIT Program for more info on youth volunteering opportunities
- The Club would like 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.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Boys & Girls Clubs
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Penbrooke Meadows Club — Spring 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	Ready, Set, Go! (A) Ages 3-5 9:00-11:15am Homework Help @ Penbrooke Meadows Elementary 12:00-1:00 pm	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 Drop In 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 Club.com All Girls Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm	Ready, Set, Go! (C) Ages 3-5 1:00-3:15pm Drop In Encore Arts Around the World Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm	Ready, Set, Go! (D) Ages 3-5 1:00-3:15pm Drop In Homework Help All the Worlds A Stage Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm	Drop In Variety Sports Jr. Chefs Ages 6-12 3:00-5:30pm PasSport to Dance Ages 9-12 3:00-5:30 pm	Ready, Set, Go & Parent Talk programs runs until June All other programs begin the week of April 12th—16th and end the week of June 14th—18th (unless noted oth- erwise)
Evening	Torch Ages 9-12 6:00-8:00pm Photography Encore Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30pm CIT/LIT @ Renfrew Club Ages 14-17 6:30-8:30pm	Soccer Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30pm	Kid Power Ages 6-8 6:00-7:30pm Great Escapes Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30	Jr. Chefs Ages 9-12 6:30-8:30pm	Rock Climbing Ages 9-12 6:00-9:00 pm	Summer Day Camp Registration: March 15th Summer Day Camps run weekly from July 5th—August 20th
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