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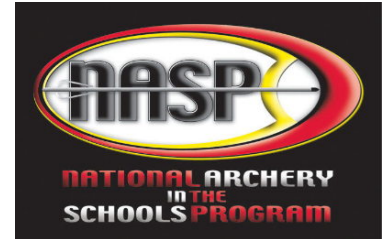
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Archery in the School Program Set to Launch

The BC Wildlife Federation, in partnership with NASP International, is launching the National Archery in Schools Program in British Columbia with the first training institute on November 21st -24th at the Métis Society Training Center in Abbotsford.



The National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) utilizes an innovative and interactive approach that leads to improved academic performance and reduction of behavioral issues in school aged children. Since its inception in March 2002, more than 4 million students at 4,900 schools located in 46 states and 5 countries have participated in NASP. The program focus is to provide international style target archery training in physical education classes, grades 4-12, and encourage participation in the life long sport of archery.

The program objectives are to:

- Improve self-confidence, motivation, concentration and focus;
- Encourage students to exhibit task-on behaviors resulting in fewer discipline problems and success in their inter-personal relationships;
- Improve academic performance and increased attendance in P.E. classes, and;
- Increase student interest in hunting and shooting sports.

The curriculum covers archery safety, equipment, technique, concentration skills, and self improvement.

Schools confirmed as participating in the program in this first year include: Smithers Secondary School, Moricetown Elementary School, Torquay Elementary School, WL McLeod Elementary School, Burns Lake, Hammond Elementary School, Allouette Elementary School, and Métis School.

BCWF Promotes Wetland Creation for Habitat and Students in Lillooet

Lillooet Wetland Construction Workshop June 23rd & 24th, 2009

BC Wildlife Federation's Wetlands Education Program celebrated wetland revitalization on June 23rd & 24th, 2009 with a concept growing across North America: Wetland Creation.



This was the first course of its kind to be hosted by BCWF and involved 10 Participants from diverse backgrounds who gathered at Cayoosh Elementary School to create a wetland in just 9 hours! The Wetland Construction Workshop aimed to raise awareness and educate community members about wetland construction, conservation and stewardship in Lillooet, BC.

Although wetlands in dry climates such as Lillooet are sparse, the benefits of creating an ephemeral wetland at Cayoosh Elementary School are numerous including: an outdoor classroom for students, habitat for wetland species and a sense of ownership for monitoring by the school children.

Community members contributed much time and equipment towards the legacy of a wetland for their community. Wildlife Biologist Tom Biebighauser taught the Wetland Construction Workshop. Working out of the Center for Wetlands and Stream Restoration in Kentucky, Tom has constructed thousands of wetlands across North America and also leads BCWF's bi-annual Wetlands Institute.



On the day of construction, schoolchildren were invited out in ½ hour segments to view the construction process and a lucky few helped to lay down the liner before the water was turned on to fill it in. The Lillooet Naturalist Society and Cayoosh Elementary School will monitor the progress and growth of the wetland plants and habitat.

CALL TO ACTION - To support the creation of more wetlands across BC, BCWF relies on your generous donations. Please help us spread awareness about the need for more wetlands and their benefits through our workshops!

Email the Wetlands Coordinator at wetlands@bcwf.bc.ca and check out our website for Kidz Camp and other Wetlands information: <http://www.bcwf.bc.ca/programs/wetlands>

Watch for us in a wetland near you!

Castlegar and District Wildlife Association Hosts First Youth Wild Weekend!



One beautiful weekend in June the Castlegar and District Wildlife Association hosted its first Youth Wild Weekend. Participants began at a local regional park on Friday evening with some fly casting practice ... and burgers. Saturday morning they were introduced to a GPS and then tested by way of a GPS treasure hunt. Saturday afternoon we were fortunate to be hosted by the Slokan Valley Archers at their 3D range; most participants went around twice and thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Sunday morning saw them testing their casting skills and luck (unfortunately none) on the Salmo River. Sunday afternoon included some wetland keeping activities and information followed by a canoe

trip around the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area.



The Castlegar and District Wildlife Association (CDWA) plans to run two or three of these weekends a year. The goal of the weekends is to introduce these activities to youth with little or no experience with them, and perhaps with limited family 'outdoor culture'.

Future weekends will include a loud and clear invitation for parents to join in – perhaps a parent and child weekend. We hope a few participants will join us in our love of the outdoors and perhaps take up a new activity that gets them out there. In future weekends we hope to include the Conservation Officer Service and Bear Aware to provide a broader outdoor education experience. The CDWA is grateful to BC Hydro and Columbia Basin Trust for their support of this endeavor.

Submitted by Lawrence Redfern, Weekend Coordinator and Treasurer,
CDWA

New Partnership between BCWF and BoaterExam.com is a Triple-Win

With the September 15th deadline now passed for all recreational boaters to operate a boat legally without a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, a new partnership between BC Wildlife Federation and BoaterExam.com couldn't come at a better time for anyone who still hasn't obtained their card.

Simply by visiting BCWF's website and clicking through on the link to BoaterExam.com, any recreational boater of any age in BC can not only get their card quickly and conveniently through a credible online program, but can also show their support to the BC Wildlife Federation as they do so. For every boater who goes through the BCWF website and signs up for certification with BoaterExam.com, BCWF will receive a \$15 referral fee.

Patti MacAhonic, Executive Director of BC Wildlife Federation, is delighted with the partnership as another value-added service for BCWF's membership. "A large part of our mandate is to ensure safe recreational practices, whether our members are hunting, fishing, hiking, or boating anywhere in the province. Our partnership with BoaterExam.com is one more benefit we can offer to our membership while creating a new revenue stream to support our work."

BoaterExam.com considers it a winning partnership as well. "I am very excited about this partnership between BoaterExam.com and BC Wildlife Federation; it will provide great cross promotional opportunities for both of our organizations." says Brent McNamee of BoaterExam.com. "BCWF has a great membership base and access to boaters in BC, and they can really help us to educate and certify boaters, and make BC waters safer."

Recreational boating is a favorite pastime in Canada with between seven and nine million people enjoying Canadian waterways each year. Sadly, not every boating excursion is a return trip: Over 200 boating

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fatalities occur each year along with an estimated 6,000 non-fatal accidents – most of them preventable.

The general public and pleasure boaters have expressed concern that anyone of any age could operate a watercraft without having any prior boating experience. The Pleasure Craft Operator Card regulations are intended to reduce the number of boating related accidents & fatalities.

Anyone seeking to register online for their certification can do so at www.bcdf.bc.ca and clicking on the Boater Exam link provided on BC Wildlife Federation's home page.

Call for Submissions – 2011 Artist of the Year Program

The BC Wildlife Federation's "Artist of the Year" program was developed in 1992. The goal of this program is to select a BC Artist whose work exhibits the beauty of BC's fish, wildlife and habitats.

BCWF's Artist of the Year is a program that supports our efforts through the sale of limited edition wildlife art prints. The sale of these limited edition art prints continues to fund BCWF conservation projects throughout the province and at the same time recognizes the talent of BC artists.

Artists are selected a year in advance to allow time for quality production of the artwork for sale and the ongoing promotion of the artist and their work every year.

ARTIST SUBMISSION DEADLINE for 2011 Artist of the Year competition is FEBRUARY 28th, 2010.

The selection process includes an internal Art Selection Jury who will determine 3 finalists to be voted on by members at the 2010 BCWF Annual General Meeting and Convention in Prince George, BC, April 28th – May 1st 2011. If you have any questions regarding the program or the BC Wildlife Federation, please feel free to contact us at our toll free number in BC 1-888-881-2293 ext. 223 or via email development@bcwf.bc.ca.



“Wintering on the Fraser” by 2009 Artist of the Year Winner Myles Mathis



A Recipe for Tree Bark

A tasty, fun treat that the kids can whip up on a cold autumn day.

Melt 1 cup butter and 1 cup brown sugar on the stove stirring constantly until all sugar is dissolved.

- Line a 9x13 pan with tin foil and grease the tin foil. Put one layer of soda crackers or graham crackers in the bottom of the pan.
- Pour the melted butter and sugar over top of the crackers. Place the pan in the oven (350 F) for 10-12 minutes until bubbling.
- Remove from oven and pour 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

over and let melt before spreading evenly over top.

- Place entire pan in the freezer for at least an hour (can leave overnight too). Remove, peel off tin foil and cut or break up dessert.
- Optional: add pecans (or other nuts) on top of graham crackers before pouring butter/sugar over.

Submitted by Stephanie Genge, 2009 Wetlands Assistant (on behalf of her grandmother!)

Help us Make Sure That Tough Economic Times Don't Hurt Fish and Wildlife Habitat



Please consider the following ways you can contribute to the ongoing programs and projects of rehabilitating, maintaining and enhancing BCWF and Club initiatives on fish, bird and wildlife habitats in BC.

There are a number of ways you can make a difference:

- ◆ **DIRECT CONTRIBUTION**
- ◆ **WORKPLACE GIVING**
- ◆ **GIFTS OF REAL PROPERTY, STOCKS, BONDS OR OTHER VALUABLE COMMODITIES**
- ◆ **ESTATE PLANNING / LEGACY BEQUESTS**
- ◆ **VOLUNTEER**
- ◆ **FUNDRAISER**

We encourage you to consider these options to ensure the work of the BC Wildlife Federation continues. Please contact our Development Coordinator for assistance with your contributions, by calling 1-888-881-2293 ext. 223, or by email at: development@bcwf.bc.ca

Tell us a Story!

Send us your news, stories and items of interest. What is going on in your community or region? Who is making a difference in your organization? What special project is your Club working on?

The BCWF Newsletter is meant to provide your club with news and information that reflects the voice of our membership. The monthly deadline for submissions is the 10th of each month, so send us your stories and pictures.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for an article in future newsletters please contact Joëlle at development@bcwf.bc.ca or 604-291-9990 Ext. 223

If your submission is selected for an upcoming newsletter we will send you a T-Shirt!



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