



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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RDCK announces summer outdoor programs Registration opens June 23

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) recreation services will be offering outdoor programs during the summer season. Castlegar, Creston, Nelson, and Salmo are gearing up for a fun filled summer outside. Regional summer programs will include; Boot Camp, Yoga, Red Cross, Home Alone, Children's Day Camps, Micro Camps, and more.

Program registration will open on June 23rd for July and August summer programming. All programs require pre-registration. Further information will be available within the next two weeks on the RDCK website and Facebook page and on local recreation Facebook pages. As part of its recreation services, Salmo will open its outdoor swimming pool with a target date set for July 6.

"We will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of province health officials," said Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services. "We have reviewed spaces where outdoor programs will run and have reduced the number of attendees to a level that will adhere to current physical distancing directives."

In addition to registered programming the RDCK is introducing two additional summer opportunities that will be offered - a Water Safety Ambassador and a Park Ambassador program.

The Water Safety Ambassador program will be available at beaches throughout the regional district. With all indoor RDCK pools closed and physical distancing measures in place, the Water Safety Ambassadors will play an integral role advising users on water safety and providing helpful tips and family friendly activities on drowning prevention education.

The Park Ambassador program will be present at RDCK parks across the region. Park Ambassador staff will talk with residents about safe, social outdoor activities to promote healthy and active lifestyles during the pandemic. Park Ambassadors look forward to engaging the public on park usage and other amenities they would like to see in the future.

Recreation and park services are reviewed regularly as new information and protocols become available.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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