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2020 SKIMO RACES

By Brent Harris, CMR Skimo Race Director

January 4 and 5, 2020 saw Castle Mountain Resort host the 8th Annual Ski Mountaineering (Skimo) Races. Big thanks to CMR's Events, Food and Beverage, Operations and Snow Safety staff for all their hard work in making it a success. Also big thanks to members of the Castle Mountain Community Association who stepped up and into various volunteer roles. Skimo races require a lot of pre-race work including course layout with fencing, corrals, rope lines and course markers. During the event, volunteer tasks include timing, check points, and start/finish officials.

The Saturday Sprint Racing on Whiskey Jack was action packed, providing great spectator viewing. The Sunday Individual Race added the extra challenge of wind but hey, it's Castle! Forty-nine racers toed the start line and circumnavigated the Mountain. The course took the racers up North Road and North Bowl along the ridge, across Skyline, followed by a boot pack above the Tamarack Chair. Skiers then descended High

Rustler, exiting via Cinch Fork to the Base Area. Once again they ascended on skins and boot packed up Thunder to Haig Ridge, skied up the Cat Road and descended in the Cat Skiing terrain for a total race distance of 12.7km and elevation gain/loss of 1410m. The winning time for this race was 1 hour 28 minutes!

The 2020 edition of CMR Skimo was the first of four stops on the Canada Cup Circuit. Other 2020 host Skimo venues include Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Marmot Basin and Blackcomb. Combined results from all four Canada Cup Skimo events determine our National, Development and Youth Teams for 2021.

Skimo Canada is deeply appreciative of CMR and CMCA for hosting Skimo and contributing to the growth of the sport in Canada.

Look for the spandex suits of the racers and volunteers with the bright green, red, and yellow flags adorning their packs next Castle ski season.

Follow Skimo Canada on www.skimocanada.org



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Maritime night	1
Super Bowl Party	2
Torchlight Parade	8
Moonlit Snowshoe & Fine Dining	14
Family Day Weekend Events	15-17
Night Skiing on Green	15-16
Community Potluck	22
Nancy Green Terrain Event	23

MARCH

Sierra Noble Home Routes Concert	1
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Alpenland Demo Day	7
Moonlit Snowshoe & Fine Dining	13
Beats in the Base Spring Music Series	14-15
Casino Royale	14
Beats in the Base Spring Music Series	21-22
King / Queen of the Castle	21
Community Potluck	21
Jib in the Park	21
Beats in the Base Spring Music Series	28-29
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LSA Spring Fling Fiesta	28

APRIL

Beats in the Base Spring Music Series	4-5
Slush Cup	5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE KEEN ON CASTLE

By Kevin Finn, President, Castle Mountain Community Association

A lot of things have gone our way this winter. Castle's new snowmaking system worked as advertised and really paid off early in the season. All bare spots were covered and the hill looked pristine on opening day. Then the hill shrugged off the liquid snow event just before Christmas and it's been great skiing ever since. Big thanks to the whole CMR Operations team. Exceptional grooming!

Mother Nature has also been on our side so far this winter. Over six meters of snow has fallen and it's only the middle of January. Luckily, there is no such thing as too much snow at a ski hill.

The new CMR Area Structure Plan was brought to final passage by the MD of Pincher Creek in January 2020. This plan will guide how we use and develop our 90 odd acres of fee-simple base area land for the next decade or so. Thanks go to a lot of people, especially Glenn Armstrong (CMCA) and Dennis Miller (CMR) — who worked tirelessly for five years to bridge

the gaps between CMR's, CMCA's, and the MD of Pincher Creek's needs and wants. Thanks also to Reeve Brian Hammond, councillors Bev Everts, Terry Yagos, Quentin Stevick, Rick Lemire and council's advisors Roland Milligan and Gavin Scott for supporting our community's sustainability and continued development.

Alberta Tourism and CMR. Alberta Tourism has a strategy to double tourism revenues in the next decade. The new Castle Parks will be the focal point for tourism in SW Alberta, and CMR is to become the commercial heart of the Castle Parks. CMR and CMCA have worked closely with AB Tourism for the past five years, and will continue to do so, to help develop these plans.

CMCA membership and donation drive was a success. Regrettably, we didn't get to every interested person. If we missed you, there is still an easy way to renew/obtain your membership and/or make a donation. Send an email transfer with your annual membership fee (\$20

per adult), plus optional donation to treasurerCMCA@gmail.com. Please note your address and phone number on the transfer. Remember, membership & donation support is open to all Castle Community supporters. You don't need to be a resident.

Fees and donations allow us to continue with worthwhile projects like base-area lighting, the Lifeline Newsletter, summer weed control, infrastructure projects like the playground, trail making, Little Libraries, and accessible defibrillators, and political representation of Castle community interests to local, provincial and federal governments.

Finally, please remember that CMCA is a non-profit volunteer organization and many hands make light work. If you can help for a few hours with any of the upcoming community events please contact Judy Clark at judyseleski@gmail.com.

Thanks for your support!

COME & GET YOUR GROOVE ON!

Beats in the Base Music series
is happening EVERY Weekend
March & April

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Potlucks in the Day Lodge
Feb 22nd & March 21st
Doors open 6:00 pm Dining at 6:30 pm

MANY THANKS TO

Volunteer Patrols Dan & Steve
for pulling a car out of the ditch
near Castle!

CASTLE FREESTYLERZ LAUNCH INTO 2020

By Ryan Brown, President, Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club

Look right while riding the blue chair and you see something through the trees. A big red giant rises from the snow. A breathing, heaving, mass of vinyl and canvas rises slowly with each breath of air being fed to it.

It starts small but as you watch it grows to over twelve feet in height and fifty feet wide.

Then you see one brave knight charging it, down the slope with determination in the eyes. The launch, the trick and then the explosion of the big red monster as this brave knight knocks the wind out of it, slides off the back with a smile and climbs the slope for one more round.

This, my friends, is Castle Freestyle's air bag and the kids are having a blast! After

three years, the amazing volunteer members of Castle Freestyle have repaired the bag, graded the air site and re-introduced this awesome training tool. Kids are flipping, spinning and launching to new heights without fear of injury as they land on a cloud of air while coaches provide constructive feedback with each jump. Our Freestyle and Big Mountain athletes are becoming more confident in the air than ever before.

All this training is leading to something, right? Why yes, it is! Castle Freestyle kids will be competing at a number of upcoming competitions including a Mogul Provincial Comp at Canyon Resort and a Provincial/Club Comp at Sunshine at the end of February. We have Big Mountain

kids competing at Revelstoke and Fernie, with our full team looking to compete as home favorites in the Castle Free Ski event in March 6-8.

Look for our athletes in their Blue on Blue team suits on the hill and at the competitions, we hope to make our community proud!

Our club welcomes newcomers of all ages and enjoys nothing more than watching our athletes grow as skiers and individuals. Does your son or daughter aged 6 — 17 want to get involved? Welcome to our team, welcome to Castle Mountain Freestyle! Check out www.castlefreestyle.ca for more information or shoot us an email at info@castlefreestyle.ca.

ANOTHER FANTASTIC RACE!

By Lauren Lynch-Staunton



PHOTO BY L. LYNCH STAUNTON

You may have noticed many Lycra suited kids with skinny skis on the ski hill January 18 and 19. Westcastle Ski Club (WSC) hosted a provincial U14 race. 73 Women and 82 Men raced Giant Slalom (GS) Saturday and Slalom (SL) Sunday. I hope you had the opportunity to watch some of the best 12 and 13 year old racers in Alberta show their stuff! Many race families came to Castle a day early: the athletes to train and their parents to check out our 'powdered' mountain!

It takes a huge number of volunteers to put on a smooth race, and our community excelled. Thanks to Castle Mountain for everything from cat time, lodge space and cheerful lifties to generally saying 'yes' whenever we needed help. A shout out to Dan Gallagher, race guru, for keeping us 'on track'. Thanks to our sponsors Alberta Alpine, Alpenland, Crave Cupcakes, Davis GMC, Red Tail Consulting, Tradesman Manufacturing and Whitecap Resources. Huge gratitude to our WSC parents and alumni for timing, B-net, fertilizing, lunches, course work

etc. and to the visiting race parents who pitched in too.

From our small-but-mighty club, we were well represented in results:

Madison Grandoni – GS (20th and 28th), SL (9th and 28th)

Sophie Lynch-Staunton – GS (18th and 24th), SL (21st and 22nd)

Riley Lerner – GS (57th and DNF), SL (53rd and 64th)

Shaun Lerner – GS (DNF, then back to Calgary to win gold in hockey!), SL (48th, DNF)

Finn Quenelle – GS (46th and 50th), SL (55th and 58th)

(Honorary WSC) Oliver Jackson – GS (3rd and 11th), SL (1st and 4th)

Up-and-coming forerunners were Catriona Gustavison and Lincoln and Nelson Grandoni.

Due to bad luck, our race day squad was short racer Caitlin Kuzyk and forerunner Payton Pharis.

Well done everyone!

YES YOU CAN



Take a Step towards Water Conservation: Low cost and high efficiency toilets can be purchased for as low as \$129 and are of good quality.



Tour into the Cat Ski Area on Sundays & Mondays during the Ski Season, check skicastle.ca/snow-report-conditions under Trail Status for any closures.



Park your snowmobile trailers in the North East Parking Lot. Parking them in the other places messes with the Ski hill parking and with the loader clearing snow from those areas. In addition, pedestrians & moving sleds don't mix.



Invite staff for dinner at your home. There is a list of staff who would like to meet you. Contact Steve at stephenharris57@gmail.com or talk to him at the Ticket Office 403-627-5101.

SHORT YOGA

By Julie Heinrich

Short Yoga - I'm not talking yoga for the vertically challenged, I'm talking about yoga for when there's no way you have time to pop into town for an hour-long class; especially when you've skied all day and the deer/blizzard conditions will render the round-trip outing a full three hours. I'm not even talking about having time for a forty-minute yoga flow that you follow along from YouTube in your living room. What I'm talking about is that feeling you get five or ten minutes into your hour long yoga class when you already feel better for having had done a single sun salutation, or those first favorite poses. If six deep breaths can lower your blood pressure imagine what those six deep breaths could do when accompanied by a quick couple stretches. So do it! Make a goal, make it part of your routine, right after brushing your teeth or before you fall into bed. Make time in each day for just a moment of self-care, warm up your body for the day ahead, give it a moment's jump start and...

Yoga on my friends, Yoga on.

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YOGA SCHEDULE

6:00

Wednesday	Beginner-intermediate yoga with Julie
Friday	Ashtanga with Marie and intermediate yoga alternating with Madeline
Sunday	Tibetan Rites, strengthen and stretch with Marquise

- Donations accepted for all classes to teacher's choice charity
- Location-brown bag lunch area in the daylodge basement.

1:1 WITH KEY CASTLE STAFF

Interview with Dave Stimson, Castle Co-Manager of Mountain Safety

By Cheryl DeLeeuw



PHOTO BY D. STIMSON | Dave guiding on Mt. Whitney California

Castle's professional ski patrols - a highly skilled and educated crew - allow us to enjoy safely the benefits of our magical playground, mostly from behind the scenes.

This group of 8 women and 10 men is co-managed by Dave Stimson and Nick Morantz. In penning down a few of Dave's answers to some of my inquiries, we get a little glimpse into his world.

Tell us about your background and what brought you to Castle?

I graduated from Mount Royal College with an Ecotourism & Outdoor Leadership degree. A classmate of mine had started working on the ski patrol at Kicking Horse, and I wanted to join him there. But they only offered me a trail crew job, while Castle offered a patrol job. I took the job with the intent to stay a season. It was the winter of 2009, and was actually a subpar

snow season, but I saw the amazing potential of the place. Staying longer made sense. In the winter of 2011, Castle had a spectacular season! I realized then that there wasn't anywhere else I wanted to be.

Describe a typical day as Manager of Mountain Safety?

The thing that makes this job so amazing, is that there is no typical day! Some days it is avalanche control until noon, others it's pulling injured people off the hill. All aspects of this job are rewarding. As a manager, I have taken on a lot of planning and oversight roles, but I will never be desk-bound! Thankfully, I am on my skis every day.

If there was one important aspect of your job that you could educate CMR customers about, what would it be?

The aspect of the job that seems most disconnected from the skiing public is how much risk patrollers incur to assure safe terrain for people to ski. We use explosives and ski cutting to trigger avalanches. We ski icy slopes in the Chutes to determine if it is appropriate to open. We put ourselves in the handles of heavy toboggans to bring injured skiers off the mountain. There is so much risk undertaken by young patrollers earning just above minimum wage, and all so that others can ski without taking on that risk themselves. Hearing whining in the lift line about terrain being closed can be disheartening.

What brings you the greatest satisfaction in your work?

I still love skiing, looking at the snow, and doing avalanche control everyday. As I have gotten further in my career though, I have started to gain the most satisfaction from working with young patrollers who are just starting their career.

What are your other passions?

My greatest passion is being in the mountains! I love to climb in the summertime. For the last five years, I have spent the summers in Bishop, CA where I work as a climbing guide in the Sierra Nevada. I have been working on becoming an IFMGA Mountain Guide, and last fall I completed the process and received my "pin".

Congratulations! I understand that means you are fully qualified to guide skiing, climbing and all things alpine (including ice climbing) internationally. It is a great achievement that not many can claim. What does this mean for your future plans?

Thanks! It was a five-year process for me. I'm still in a bit of an elated state from finishing, and my plans are still in the "dreaming" stage. In terms of being at Castle, I have grown to see this place as my home. I would like to stay here running the patrol for a while yet, but I have started doing some guiding on the side. Castle has provided me the opportunity to leave for a few weeks during the season to do some heli-ski guiding, as well as some of my own touring-based work which I would also like to start doing here in the Castle region.

To learn more about what Dave does, visit his website at <https://www.davestimson.com>

MUSIC LOVERS: DON'T MISS THIS



Sunday evening, March 1st



Snowed Inn, Cabin #3, CMR

SIERRA NOBLE



Sierra Noble has performed as an opening act for Paul McCartney, Kid Rock, and

Bon Jovi. She was a featured performer in the Opening Ceremony of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Now, she is coming to Castle Mountain. Believe it! Chris Ryan will be accompanying Sierra at Castle. Chris is a Newfoundland songwriter who has opened for Country music singer, Toby Keith.

Check out Sierra and Chris's music on iTunes or Spotify.

On Sunday evening, March 1st, you can enjoy these awesome singer-songwriter

performing in an intimate living-room setting at Snowed Inn, Cabin 3 at Castle. It is part of the Home Routes Concert series, generously hosted here by Caralee Marriott & Dave Clement.

Cost is \$20 cash. All proceeds go to the artist.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Concert begins at 7:00 pm. BYOB.

For more information, call or text Caralee at 403-461-2037

WHERE CAMARADERIE LIVES:

Tales from Tamarack Lodge

By Stephen & Marquise Harris



PHOTO BY S. HARRIS & M. HARRIS

It's a privilege to host and live at Tamarack Lodge, better known as Staff Accom, where 65 people from all over the world keep us entertained. It's a beautiful building of which Castle Mountain should be proud. It's both a joy and challenge to be part of a large group of people trying to find a way to live, share space, have fun and problem solve. It's home away from home; where new friends become your family. Where you may find the love of your life, or not, but the memories and experiences you share will stay close to your heart forever.

We have park wardens, software engineers, fire fighters, nurses, graduate students and people who are just trying to figure out what they want to do with the rest of their lives. They have come to Castle because they just want to get away

from it all and have the total ski/board experience. The stories we could tell! However, like Vegas, "what happens in Staff Accom stays in Staff Accom".

The Tamarack experience is not for everyone. The staff live in one of five suites. Each suite has a common kitchen, living room and dining area that everyone takes responsibility for cleaning weekly. Each suite has five bedrooms and two bathrooms shared between 12 people. Privacy is in short supply unless of course you are located in the ATCO trailer that houses six single rooms.

We have people from years past that return to Castle for a visit carrying with them joyful memories of people they've worked with and the beautiful snowy terrain the mountain offers. We have people that continue to connect and travel far and wide to meet up long after their experience at Staff Accom.

If you have never had the opportunity to see Tamarack Lodge up close come by for a tour. All of us would be more than happy to show you around. Just make sure you are out by 11pm!

WILDR ROUGH RUNNER: A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Alecia Williams

The WILDR Rough Runner Event is back at Castle for its third year!

A triple-threat mountain running weekend, the Rough Runner is a family-friendly event but is also created to find the ultimate mountain athlete. It combines a trail run, 100-meter vertical sprint, and an obstacle course. Race participants can choose to run all three or any individual event to accumulate points towards their overall score. Last year Keith Thibault and Emma Cook-Clarke turned in the winning scores and were crowned as the top Rough Runners; this year, it could be you!

This year continues to focus on creating a family-friendly atmosphere. Childcare, a play area, and kid-friendly races provide activities for the whole family! Older children are also allowed to participate in the adults' obstacle course heats. The Pincher Creek Family Centre is back, setting up a fantastic outdoor kids' area! For

2020, we are also expanding the Finish Festival and Market, providing additional activities for the whole family.

The 2020 course will follow the same format as last year. Trail runners find themselves winding up middle Kootenay Pass, giving them spectacular vistas of Barnaby Ridge and Haig Mountain on this approximately hour-long run. The obstacle course race will include over 20 different obstacles to challenge oneself and will wind its way from the parking lot up towards Haig over a 2000-meter track. Last year, the 100-meter sprint was especially wild, with many athletes taking a fall or two on their way to the finish line.

The Rough Runner is an excellent opportunity to support your local running community! Come join us June 5th and 6th.

For more information and to registration, visit our website at: <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/25623/wildr-rough-runner>

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

By Brian McGurk, Chairman,
CMR Board of Directors

In the short time since our last Board update, we have more good news to share.

Our most important news is that the MD of Pincher Creek has approved our new Area Structure Plan (ASP). On January 14, our proposed ASP went through its 2nd and 3rd reading, and became official.

A lot of work has gone into getting this document completed since its development started in 2014. Big thanks to the many people who provided input into the consultations, and feedback on the various drafts, and to the MD Council for its very strong support.

Having the new ASP approved enables your Board of Directors to move ahead into the research and analysis phase of several important initiatives, including:

- Fee simple ownership options for existing lots, and
- The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that will need to be done in support of our revised Master Development Plan.

Our pre-existing approvals will allow us to grow for some time as a village and winter operation. However, to have the option to continue to expand our summer activities and the viability of CMR as a year-round operation, we will need to complete an EIA at some time in the future. The priority now with the EIA is determining funding, scope and timelines.

And more good news: Skier visits through January 25th are 38,865 compared to 30,086 in 2018/19 and 32,979 in 2017/18. A strong start to the year with the opportunity for many good days to come in the back half of the season.

SUPPORT

Freestyle Skiing & Alpine
Racing at Castle Mtn!



Your recyclable returnable bottles can be deposited in the Trailer just north of Lodge's Fridge Trailer.

Thank you from the Kids of Castle!

"SPR-INTER" TIPS

Enjoy Spring/Winter Activities in the Castle Parks

By Shalane Friesen, Head of Visitor Services, Castle Provincial Parks

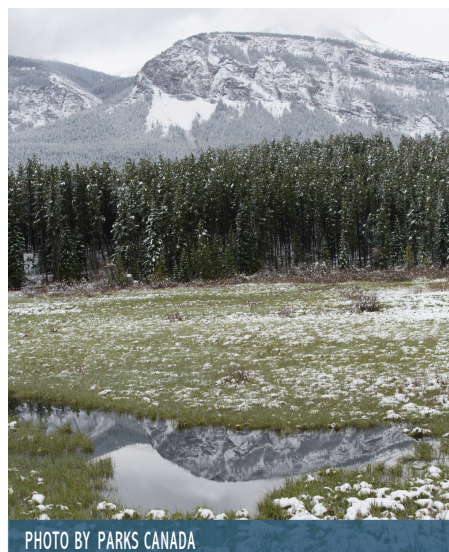


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During "sprinter" in SW Alberta, we have unpredictable weather and frequent crossovers between spring and winter conditions. These seasonal changes are especially dramatic in our mountain landscapes, where topography and wind can sharply alter the weather in minutes.

Seasonal weather changes create vast differences in landscapes and wildlife, offering visitors a dazzling display of biodiversity, and incredible experiences.

Review the tips below for safe and enjoyable "sprinter" visits to our parks.

Spring Runoff and Melting Snow

In late winter and spring, melting snow and new precipitation create high water levels and increase the velocity of creeks and rivers. For your safety, stay a safe distance from creeks, rivers and wetlands. Watch

your step when close them: banks may be slippery or unstable due to erosion.

Always keep your dog on-leash to prevent it from swimming and drinking the water. Wetland and creek water may carry parasites or other hidden hazards harmful to you and your pet. Keeping your dog on-leash will protect it ... and protect your pocketbook from a ticket starting at \$115.

Wildlife Safety

In the spring, many species of wildlife are migrating home, or awakening from hibernation, and birthing their offspring. Mamas will be especially protective of their babes. In provincial parks, it is unlawful to feed, disturb or chase wild animals. Remember to watch wildlife from a safe and respectful distance. And, again, keep your dog(s) on-leash.

- If it has been a mild winter, bears could rouse for a few days in February to look for food. In March, grizzlies and black bears will be fully emerging from hibernation. In April, hibernation will have ended. Review Bear Aware Safety before heading out: www.albertaparks.ca/media/123478/bearsmart_ebook.pdf

- Use binoculars to spot the amazing variety of birds. Print this checklist before you head out:

www.albertaparks.ca/media/6495903/castle-bird-checklist-brochure-web.pdf

- Watch for wildlife along the highways and roadways, especially during periods of low light.

Sprinter Camping

Eager to start the camping season early? By camping in the shoulder season, you avoid pesky insects and large crowds.

- Campgrounds at Beaver Mines Lake, Castle Falls, Castle Bridge and Lynx Creek are closed for the winter season, but will be available in the early spring. For opening dates, check: www.albertaparks.ca/castle.

- Random camping areas are open for winter and spring camping. This is rough, field camping without maintained access or potable water for those who like adventure. Simply complete the free permit available online and return it to one of the kiosks. For more information, visit:

www.albertaparks.ca/parks/south/castle-pp/information-facilities/camping/designated-camping-areas-1-to-7/

- For those hardy and hard-core tenters, backcountry camping in the Castle Wildland Provincial Park is available all year. Be sure to keep your campsite at least one kilometre from any facility or road and 50 metres from any trail. Please respect the natural beauty of the area and leave no trace. For tips on backcountry camping, visit:

www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/learning/parks-stories/alberta-parks-guide-to-backpacking-in-k-country/

With proper knowledge and preparation, you and your family can enjoy the wonders of our natural landscape, no matter what the season and weather. Stay safe, stay warm and enjoy the unique "Sprinter" conditions.

UPDATE FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

By Bev Everts, Councillor

It was wonderful to get out to the hill a few times over the holidays.

Council was back to work early in the New Year with our monthly Planning meeting. We continue to work with Oldman River Regional Service Commission (ORRSC) on a major review of our Municipal Development Plan (MDP). At the January 14th Regular Council meeting, we passed Bylaw #1313-19 the Castle Mountain Resort Area Structure Plan. It is my hope that this long overdue

updated document can help to guide future planning in the area.

Two other Council priorities linked to CMR are: anticipated completion of our Inter Collaborative Framework (ICF) Agreement with the Town of Pincher Creek in early April, and an overall M.D. policy review process that will see current policies undergo review for alignment with the Municipal Government Act, MGA, reformatting and public input.

As individual Councillors, our work on numerous committees helps keep us in touch with the changing dynamics of our M.D. Folks often say to me, "You're so busy" and that is true... I do have many irons in the fire. However, I am never too busy to hear your feedback, your ideas and/or concerns. I am ever grateful for the opportunity to be your Division #3 Elected Councillor.

Happy 2020 to all and hope to see you on the slopes.

Contact Bev Everts at 403 627 3130 or CouncilDiv3@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

WELCOME AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTO YOUR HOME! The Benefits of Becoming a Homestay Family

By Renee Van Loon, Coordinator for the South Region of the LRSD



PHOTO BY C. KUZYSK

Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) is looking for Homestay Families willing to host junior or senior high international students for short or long-term stays. Becoming a Homestay Family for the LRSD International Education Program offers a wide range of benefits, which include:

- Making a difference in the life of a young citizen of the world,
- Learning about another culture, traditions and customs,
- Having the opportunity to experience a cultural exchange in the comfort of your own home,
- Acquiring an interest in a new culture that could lead to new travel and language learning opportunities for you and your children,
- Seeing our own Canadian culture through the eyes of an international student,
- Encouraging families to spend more time doing things together, and
- Developing a lasting friendship with the international student and his or her family.

Homestay families willing to open their hearts and homes to these students are asked to provide the following:

- Private bedroom
- Three wholesome meals a day and snacks as required
- Quiet, well-lit and heated study space
- Internet connection
- Access to the common living areas of the house, including laundry
- Emotional and academic support
- Interaction with family members
- Participation in family activities

Students may stay for a four-month term (September - December), a five-month semester (September - January or February - June), or a full school year (September - June).

Homestay Families receive a monthly stipend to support with groceries, quality of life activities and to offset the student's living costs. Remuneration is based on the length of the student's stay. Also bussing is available for most students.

If you would like more information about the Homestay Program or to refer a family, please contact me immediately at:
vanloonr@lrds.ab.ca

MOUNTAIN MOMENTS OF THE PAST

The following excerpts are from Kenworthy, S. Alberta (2014). *The History of West Castle to Castle Mountain Resort 1965-2007*. Pg. 23. Castle Mountain Community Association

In the Fall of 1964 or 1965, when doing work on the mountain, Bill Kovach recalls: "Another time it was pretty chilly one morning and we couldn't get the fire to stay lit in the stove so Jake [Smith] got some powersaw gas, opens the lid to the stove and dribbled it down into the stove. "KABOOM", the lid flew off and the doors blew open and he's all black standing there in his underwear."

Kovach also worked on finding the elevations of the lift lines for the original T-bars at West Castle. Since there was no survey equipment at the time, the work was done with a rod and measuring stick. "We actually went up the whole mountain and recorded every bit of elevation change like that."

BE PART OF OUR NETWORK

Be part of the CMCA community. We welcome all Castle enthusiasts, regardless of where you live. If you love Castle Mountain Resort, then we invite you to join us in our commitment to making Castle an even better community. Add your email to our contact list and you will receive regular updates on Castle Mountain Community Association's activities, as well as an email copy of this newsletter 4 times a year.

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