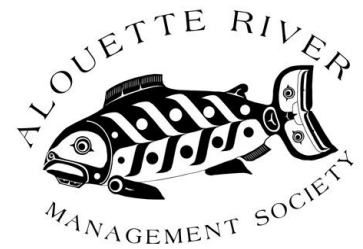


# What's up at ARMS?



## Alouette River Management Society

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Spring 2011

### Upcoming Events

April 16

#### Earth Day

Memorial Peace Park  
Maple Ridge  
10am – 2pm

May 6

#### Laityview Carnival

Laityview School  
Maple Ridge  
4 – 7pm

May 7

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Fingerling Festival

Noons Creek Hatchery  
Port Moody Rec. Ctr.  
Port Moody  
11am – 3pm

June 11

#### Alouette Lake Fishing Derby & Festival on the Beach

Alouette Lake  
6:30am – 2pm

June 13

#### ARMS Annual General Meeting & BBQ

Rivers Heritage Centre  
6pm

July 11-15

#### Wildlife Outdoors Camp

Rivers Heritage Centre  
9:30am – 3:30pm

August 8-12

#### Bugs and Slugs Camp

Rivers Heritage Centre  
9:30am – 3:30pm

## Calling All Eco-Kids

Does your 6-12 year old child want a camp full of outdoor excitement, fun, and adventure? If "yes" then this camp is for you! ARMS has two amazing one-week camps. You can sign up daily or for the entire week!

#### River Wildlife Outdoors Camp

Date: July 11-15

Each day the campers will learn about native animal species and become junior wildlife biologists. They will learn to identify different prints, seek out animal homes, and explore the nature around them while our experienced guides take them on a tour they will never forget! Themes include: amphibians, hunters & scavengers, furry friends, scales & tales, and plants & shrubs.

#### Bugs and Slugs Camp

Date: August 8-12

Each day our campers will learn about a different group of bugs, including pollinators, spiders, slugs & snails, ladybugs, and water bugs. They will learn how to identify these crazy creatures and the role they play in our environment. Young entomologists will

build ladybug houses and bee homes. They will learn all about pollination and how bugs are an important part of our food chain. Campers will become experienced BC naturalists and learn the importance bugs have on our ecosystem.



Both eco-camps require campers to bring a bag lunch and snack.

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$160/wk or \$40/day

Registration:

MR/PM Parks & Leisure

[www.recreg4u.ca](http://www.recreg4u.ca)

More Information, contact ARMS at: 604-467-6401 or [armseducation@telus.net](mailto:armseducation@telus.net)

## ARMS AGM & Summer BBQ

You are invited to attend ARMS Annual General Meeting and Summer Barbeque on June 13, 2011 at 6 pm at the Rivers Heritage Centre. The evening will start off with a barbeque at 6 pm followed by the AGM at 7 pm. If you are interested in becoming a

voting member, membership applications and dues will be accepted until May 13. Membership applications are found at the back of this newsletter and online at [www.alouetteriver.org/getinvolved](http://www.alouetteriver.org/getinvolved).

## Starbucks Park Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, April 9, Starbucks hosted the Brownies and the Beavers at Cross's Cabin Park, here in Maple Ridge. Starbucks was doing a nation-wide park clean up day. We had a great time learning about the Alouette Watershed and why it is important to care for it. The Brownies, Beavers, and Starbucks Partners all came together to clean up invasive plants from our park, and pick up all sorts of trash and debris. The kids had tonnes of fun releasing chinook salmon fry after the clean up was done. We learned all about the salmon's life cycle and their importance to our river system.

Afterwards, the group celebrated the day with Starbucks coffee, treats, cake and hot chocolate. What a wonderful end to a beautiful day! We also had quite the soccer game in our

nice, clean park. ARMS sends a special "Thank You" to the Starbucks Partner Volunteers of Maple Ridge for hosting this terrific day. We look forward to next year!



## Scout Trees Plants 300

This year marked the fourth year ARMS has worked with the 1<sup>st</sup> Laitview Scouts for their annual Scout Trees Event. Over two weeks at the beginning of spring, the scouts and ARMS

cleared blackberry to clear the way for 300 western red cedar saplings. On the planting day, over 60 scouts, cubs, and beavers with their parents planted the 300 cedars on along

the Alouette River downstream from 224 Street. Since 2008, the Scout Trees event has seen over 1400 trees planted all over Maple Ridge. Keep up the great work 1<sup>st</sup> Laitview Scouts!

### Top 10 Ways to be Green this Spring

1. Unplug unnecessary appliances. Less energy = less pollution.
2. Use less water. Fix dripping taps.
3. Switch to florescent light bulbs.
4. Buy products with less packaging.
5. Buy local and organic food. Or grow your own food.
6. Drive less.
7. Plant a tree.
8. Recycle more.
9. Compost.
10. Encourage others to be green too!





## Thank You to the Legion

ARMS would like to thank the Maple Ridge Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion for a donation of \$1000. This support will go towards the monitoring programs within the Alouette Watershed. Through many of ARMS stewardship activities, members of our

community are able to learn about the environment and the impacts different activities can have on our waterways.

We also will be using the funding from the Legion to replace well-worn education materials.

## Volunteering with ARMS

Are you looking to make a difference to the environment and help out your community? Here's your chance! ARMS has a host of volunteer openings currently available. We are looking for office volunteers, special events volunteers, stewardship volunteers (for invasive plant removal, tree planting,

& more), and gardening volunteers.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, call: 604-467-6401; email: [armsvolunteer@telus.net](mailto:armsvolunteer@telus.net) or visit our online volunteer postings at [www.myvolunteepage.com](http://www.myvolunteepage.com).



## Alouette Lake Fishing Derby

On Saturday, June 11, the Alouette Fishing Derby returns under new management. Tourism Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows has taken the reins from the Chamber of

Commerce and they hope to promote the wonderfully natural beauty of the area to other communities in the Lower Mainland. The derby will have up to 75 registered

boats and 100 fishermen/women fishing from shore. Tourism MRPM will also be hosting a Festival on the Beach at the Alouette Lake Beach Area. Look for ARMS

booth with kid's activities all day. To register and for more information on the derby, check out: [www.alouettefishingderby.com](http://www.alouettefishingderby.com).

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***"Through partnerships and education,  
empower the community to take ownership and  
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Join the  
**Alouette River Management Society**

If you would like to become a member of ARMS, please complete the following registration and return it by mail or drop it off at 24595 Alouette Road, Allco Park, Maple Ridge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Type:

Individual - \$10

Corporate - \$100

Yes, I would like a charitable receipt

Area of Interest:

Rivers Heritage Centre

Environmental Education

Watershed Projects

Native Plant Nursery

Stewardship Issues

Habitat Protection

Nature and Wildlife

Fish and Hatchery Projects

Urbanization Issues

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_