

What's up at ARMS?



Alouette River Management Society

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Spring 2009

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 4

Alouette River Workshop at the ACT in Maple Ridge, 8:30 am to 4 pm

Saturday, April 25

Earth Day at Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge, 10 am to 2 pm

May 15 to 17

Salmon Enhancement Program Workshop "Sustaining the Spirit" Maple Ridge
For more information see Workshop at right.

May 23

Spring Festival at Maple Ridge Park
Fry release at 1pm
10:30am to 3 pm

June 1

ARMS Annual General Meeting at the Rivers Heritage Centre
5 pm

July 13 to 17

Wildlife Week
Children's Eco-camp
Rivers Heritage Centre
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

August 4 to 7

Bugs and Slugs Camp
Rivers Heritage Centre
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Sustaining the Sprit in May

The SEP Workshop 2009: Sustaining the Spirit is quickly approaching. On the May long weekend, May 15-17, volunteers from across BC will be coming to Maple Ridge to participate in a weekend of information workshops, networking and tours of the Maple Ridge and Mission areas. Co-hosted by ARMS, KEEPS and the Stave Valley Salmonid Enhancement Society, the 2009 workshop is held in appreciation of the countless hours donated to salmon enhancement by BC volunteers.

The workshop is sponsored by generous donations of groups, organizations, and local businesses committed to the salmon stewardship community. \$18,000 was contributed by the Pacific Salmon Foundation, over \$1,200 worth of raffle and gift bag items has been contributed by Fraser Regional Correctional Centre, and Steve and Great Choi, from Choi's Pottery in Pitt Meadows, (www.choispottery.com) have contributed a \$4,500 discount on their beautiful mugs.

Volunteers in local

stewardship organizations involved in fisheries projects are invited to come. If you have not received your invitation, contact arms@telus.net for a registration package.



Choi's pottery mug with a salmon motif will be given to each workshop participant

For more information on the SEP workshop, visit workshop.pskf.ca/2009



Carved and painted paddle donated by Fraser Regional Correctional Centre

ARMS Annual General Meeting

The Alouette River Management Society will be hosting its Annual General Meeting on June 1st, 2009 at the Rivers Heritage Centre.

The community is invited to attend the meeting and a summer barbeque at 5pm. To become a member of ARMS, please fill out the

form on the back of the newsletter.

Voting members must have dues paid by May 3, 2009.

Summer Camps for Kids

If your child likes adventure and is eager to explore the natural world, check out our programs!

Wildlife Week

Date: July 13-17

Cost: \$160/week (M-F) or \$40/day

Take a walk on the wild side with Wildlife Week! Become a junior biologist and enjoy a wide variety of nature themes with different crafts, games, and activities each day. Themes this year include: Predator & Prey Day, Trails & Tracks, Marine

Madness, Outdoor Adventures and Wild Things.

Bugs and Slugs Camp

Date: August 4-7

Cost: \$135/week (Tu-F) or \$40/day

Why are slugs slimy? Why do some bugs have 6 legs and some have 8? These are just some of the questions investigated by children in this unique camp. This year, Bugs & Slugs Camp has been extended to include terrestrial and aquatic insects, slugs, worms, and so much more! There will be

crafts and games related to each daily theme.

Info for both camps:

Lunch and snacks are provided.

Location:

Rivers Heritage Centre
Allco Park

Ages: 6-12 years old

Time: 9:30 - 3:30pm

Registration:

MR/PM Parks & Leisure
604-467-7322

604-465-2470

www.recreg4u.ca

More Information:

Alouette River
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Bugs and Slugs day camper shows off her Bug Box, 2009

ARMS Eco-Camp Breaks Spring Fever

This year ARMS beat spring break fever with a fun filled week of adventure and eco-enthusiasm by hosting our annual Spring Break Eco-Camps for children. The gloomy weather was no match for our lively week of hands-on environmental education, scavenger hunts, nature hikes, and a wide array of creative crafts and games.

On 'Green Day' participants took part in stimulating activities such as face painting, planting a garden,

concocting colorful goo, and scouring the woods in search of salamanders.

'Fur and Feathers' campers enjoyed amusing endeavors such as building and decorating their very own birdhouses, collecting items for building nests, and a very popular egg drop competition.

Through participating in the activities of ARMS' Spring Break Eco-Camp, the kids had an enjoyable time becoming more eco-conscience and

familiar with the BC wilderness.

ARMS Spring Break Eco-Camp would not have possible without ARMS newest sponsor, the BC Transmission Corporation, which donated \$5000 to support education programs in 2009, the BC Corrections Fraser Regional Correction Centre for their ongoing generosity of supplying many of our wood products, and also to our volunteers who helped make ARMS Spring Break Eco-Camp a huge success!



Exploring Allco Park over Spring Break, 2009

BCRP: Stewart Ponds

In 2007, BC Hydro's Bridge Coastal Fish & Wildlife Restoration Program (BCRP)



BCRP Board of Directors visit the Trethewey spawning channel, June 2008

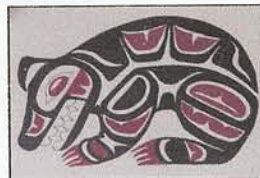
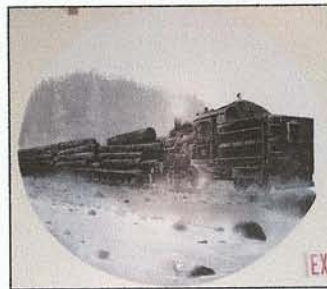
funded construction of Trethewey spawning channel and pond on the South Alouette River which created 600 square meters of juvenile coho salmon habitat and spawning grounds. This summer, BCRP is contributing \$27,698 to enhance more of the South Alouette River. The Stewart Ponds project will see two ponds

(approx. 1000 square metres) created from tidal mud flats. The ponds will not only enhance salmon habitat, but will benefit trout species, invertebrates, turtles, and frogs. Native shrubs and trees will also be planted in the area surrounding the ponds, increasing habitat for birds and small mammals.

Murals Liven up Centre

ARMS and the Rivers Heritage Centre have been fortunate this spring for the services of a mural artist from Fraser Regional Correctional Centre's Allico Hatchery Work Program. The artist painted two large murals, one of Golden

Ears Mountains and another of the 1920s



Abernethy & Lougheed Logging Company No. 33 train. The artist also painted beautiful native animals around the centre.

Environmental Days was a Hit

The 12th annual Environmental Days with Aboriginal Education from the



On a hatchery tour

Coquitlam School District was held at the Rivers Heritage Centre. The program brought over 200 Coquitlam youth from elementary, middle and high school to Maple Ridge to participate in a hatchery tour with ARMS, a wild bird demonstration with Wild Eagle Tours, and environmental talks from Bear Aware and

the Wildlife Rescue Association.



Daniel with Wild Eagle Tours shows off Tagish, the 6.5 year old bald eagle

Monitoring the Alouette

The BC Hydro Alouette Project Water Use Plan (WUP), implemented in 1996, was reviewed in 2006 and just given approval by the Water Comptroller this spring. The WUP ensures a constant supply of water from Alouette Lake into the South Alouette River. It also allows for a surface release of water over the dam spillway to allow sockeye (kokanee) out of the reservoir and out to the ocean. BC Hydro, through the WUP, funds monitoring programs on the Alouette, including a yearly smolt enumeration and out-migration of sockeye monitor in the spring, enumeration of adult sockeye in the summer, and a substrate quality and temperature monitor.

ACTT Update

In 2009, the South Alouette River Communications Task Team manual will be updated. Since the manual was written there have been several changes to BC Hydro's water procedures as per the Water Use Plan and the manual will be updated to reflect these changes.

Check with ARMS for more information.

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*"Through partnerships and education,
empower the community to take ownership and
responsibility of the natural environment"*

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: _____