

ROAR: Reimagining Outdoor Active Recreation

Event Information – Day 1

Date: Tuesday, September 24th, 2024

Location: Yukon Wildlife Preserve

Address: Kilometer 8, Takhini Hot Springs Road, Whitehorse, YT, Y1A

Arrival Time: 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Note: *The Yukon Wildlife Preserve staff will be opening the gates outside of their regular operating hours for us to enter and be shuttled to the Learning Centre. Please arrive on time, as the gates will close again before they start shuttling us to the venue, and will not reopen to the public until after 10:00 AM.*

Additional Considerations for Day 1 Events & Activities

Vehicle Access & Shuttling: Vehicles are only allowed in the parking lot of the Wildlife Preserve. Staff will shuttle participants from the parking area to the Learning Centre at the start of the day and again at the end of the day. Shuttling will also be provided on an as-needed basis throughout the day. To minimize the need for shuttling, please be mindful and limit unnecessary trips.

Dinner Staggering: Due to significant participation, groups will be staggered for dinner at the Hot Rock Café by approximately 45 minutes. Please consider if you can shuttle out immediately for dinner or if you can stay at the Learning Centre a bit longer with the option of walking out of the Wildlife Preserve.

Clothing: Bring warm clothes and proper footwear as there will be outdoor icebreaker activities and a tour of the preserve.

Footwear: Outdoor footwear is not allowed inside the Learning Centre. It is recommended to bring indoor slippers to use while inside.



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Water Bottle: To limit single-use paper and plastic consumption, please bring a water bottle and/or mug.

Swimwear: There will be little time to transition from the Wildlife Preserve to the Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, so don't forget to bring your swimwear with you.

Smoking Policy: There is a no tolerance smoking policy at the Wildlife Preserve (including outside) except for a small designated area outside the Learning Centre.

WiFi & Cell Service: Please note that there is no WiFi available, and cell service is limited at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve.

Washrooms: There is no running water at the Learning Centre, and outhouses will be available for washroom use.



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Event Information – Day 2

Date: Wednesday, September 25th, 2024

Location: Lorne Mountain Community Association

Address: Kilometer 1, Annie Lake Road, Mount Lorne, YT, Y1A 5Y9

Arrival Time: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Additional Considerations for Day 2 Events & Activities

CPRA Consultation: In the morning, we will be conducting an in-person consultation to help update the Framework for Recreation in Canada. It will be beneficial to familiarize yourself with the current framework if you're not already aware of it. You can review the framework here:

<https://www.cpra.ca/framework>.

Outdoor Activities: We will be going outside to participate in a workshop with the Yukon Circus Society and do a tour of the Lorne Mountain Community Association. Please dress accordingly and bring proper footwear.

Dinner at Tony's Pasta & Seafood Restaurant: Dinner will be at Tony's Pasta & Seafood Restaurant, located in the Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre. With over 45 people indicating interest, the restaurant has asked participants to pre-order their meal. Please complete the SurveyMonkey link to indicate your preferred meal.



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9:00 AM – 09:30 AM Yukon Wildlife Preserve Shuttle - Entry

Gates at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve (YWP) will open early for our group at 9:00 AM for participant entry and parking. Please arrive on time to catch the shuttle bus, as staff will close the gates to transport participants to the YWP Learning Centre. The gates will not reopen until 10:00 AM for public access.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Breakfast & Introductions

Breakfast will be provided by Bean North and served at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve Learning Centre. Representatives from RPAY will be welcoming everyone to the Gathering, followed by an overview of this year's theme, the planned itinerary, and other house keeping details.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM RPAY/SARB Icebreaker Activities

Alycia Bannon, RPAY's Active Play Experience Coordinator, and Janna Tait, the Physical Literacy Education Coordinator for SARB, will lead participants through some outdoor icebreaker activities.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Yukon University: "Sit in My Puddle"

This Yukon University workshop teaches you how to support others by "sitting in their puddle", focusing on holding space and being present instead of offering unsolicited solutions, to help them move forward in difficult moments.

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch – Bean North

Lunch will be provided by Bean North and served at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve Learning Centre.



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1:00 PM – 1:45 PM Recreation Updates

Representatives from RPAY, the Yukon Government's Sport & Recreation Branch (SARB), Recreation North, and Lotteries Yukon will share organizational updates, programming, and funding opportunities.

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM Yukon Wildlife Preserve Walking Tour

Guides from the Yukon Wildlife Preserve will lead participants on an exciting walking tour around several animal habitats.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM Yukon First Nation Education Directorate: Mobile Therapeutic Unit

Team members from the Mobile Therapeutic Unit (MTU), a branch of the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED), will share their experiences and the impact of their work, offering valuable insights gained from their time in rural Yukon communities.

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM Yukon Youth Conservation Corp (Y2C2)

Hear from Aiyana-Marie O'Shaughnessy, Youth Program Coordinator, as she introduces Y2C2, a summer employment and training program for youth. She will also discuss the EnviroWild summer camp, an environmental program that offers Yukon students entering Grades 8 to 10 a week of outdoor adventure, experiential education, and conservation activities.

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM 2026 Arctic Winter Games Host Society

The Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Host Society is excited to present information about the upcoming AWG in Whitehorse in 2026 and explore opportunities for your community to get involved.



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5:00 PM – 5:30 PM Yukon Wildlife Preserve Shuttle/Walk - Exit

Yukon Wildlife Preserve staff will coordinate the shuttle service to ensure a return to the parking lot. Participants will also have the option to walk back to the parking lot and explore additional habitats on their own.

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Dinner – Hot Rock Café

Dinner will be provided by the Hot Rock Café and served at their restaurant inside the Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs.

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM Swim at Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs

Join us for the relaxing Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, where you can unwind in relaxation rooms, saunas, steam rooms, and pools.



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9:30 AM – 10:00 AM LMCA Snacks & Coffee

Participants will gather at the Lorne Mountain Community Association (LMCA) for the second day of the event. LMCA members will provide light snacks and beverages.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Canadian Parks & Recreation Association: Revising Canada's Framework for Recreation

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) invites you to participate in an in-person consultation to help update the Framework for Recreation in Canada, reflecting recent changes and current contexts to guide future recreation and parks strategies.

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM LMCA Lunch

Lunch will be catered by LMCA members and feature produce grown from their community garden.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM RPAY, SARB, & Rec North Awards

Representatives from RPAY, SARB, and Recreation North will present awards and certificates to leaders who have made a significant and lasting impact on recreation across the territory.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Yukon Circus Society

Join us for a workshop with the Yukon Circus Society, where they will explore and showcase their diverse programs, including juggling, acrobatics, aerial arts, and clowning.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Health Promotion Unit: Planet Youth Project

The Yukon Government's Health Promotion Unit is excited to share details about the upcoming opportunity for Yukon communities to pilot the Planet Youth Project in the territory.



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3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Yukon Healthy Living Study

Caroline Sparks and Isabelle Schwarz will share some information about the upcoming Yukon Healthy Living Study. The Study will highlight physical activity and healthy eating patterns of Yukoners with a focus on outdoor, unstructured recreational activities. The fourth round of this survey is scheduled for 2025.

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM The Lifesaving Society

Join us as we explore how the BC & Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society is making a difference through water safety education and lifesaving training.

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM Recreation Gathering Prizes/Feedback

Before LMCA's community tour, we would like to offer some closing remarks, RPAY draw prizes, and feedback forms for participants.

4:30 PM – 5:30PM LMCA Facility Tour

Join Lyndi Proudfoot, interim Recreation Director at LMCA, as she highlights the outdoor recreation facilities that keep the Mt. Lorne community active and engaged.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Final Dinner

RPAY will provide a complimentary dinner for participants at Tony's Pasta & Seafood Restaurant, located inside the Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre. We will be dining in the restaurant.

