

September 2017



Rivers West District Programs and Services

Upcoming Workshops

[Sport Taping Workshop in Elrose on September 24, 2017](#)

- \$50.00 Registration Fee
- Register by contacting Lisa Watson, Elrose Recreation Director at 306-378-2277 or elroserec@sasktel.net

[Communities in Bloom Workshop at the Firesong Resort on September 26, 2017](#)

- Everyone is asked to bring a five gallon pail so you can create your own self watering container
- Register by contacting Bonnie Mills Midgley by phone to 306-248-3518, phone or text to 306-344-7473 or by email at rwdscr.lloyd@sasktel.net

[Cultural Gathering at the Firesong Resort on September 28, 2017](#)

- Registration is free!
- Are you interested in learning more about some of the different cultural organizations within the province? Would you like more information on the programs and services they provide to communities and volunteer groups like yours?
- 5 Cultural Organizations will present on what programs, services and funding opportunities are available to your community
- Register by contacting Bonnie Mills Midgley at rwdscr.lloyd@sasktel.net or by phone 306-248-3518 or phone/text 306-344-7473

[NCCP Introduction to Competition Part A Workshop in Eston on September 29 and 30, 2017](#)

- \$50.00 Registration Fee
- Register by contacting Chris Keleher, Eston Recreation Director at 306-962-4444 or chris@eston.ca

158 Days until the Saskatchewan Winter Games in North Battleford

The City of North Battleford is excited to be hosting the upcoming 2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games from February 18 - 24, 2018!



The 2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games committee is one financial step closer to becoming a reality. The committee received a [\\$10,000 donation from North West College in North Battleford](#) and have agreed to allow a portion of the college to be used as the Athletes' Village to house participants.

Would you like to be a part of the Rivers West District Mission Staff? The application form to become Mission Staff for Team Rivers West can be accessed [here](#). Applications are still being accepted!

Stay up to date on all the latest details for the 2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games (SWG) liking us on [Facebook](#), following us on [Twitter](#) and by checking our website: <http://www.riverswestdistrict.ca/index.php/games/2018-saskatchewan-winter-games>

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Beginning July 1, 2017, Rivers West District will only be sending electronic correspondence to those who have expressed an interest in receiving such by completing this form. This includes our E-Updates, information on Upcoming workshops and Clinics, Job Postings, Saskatchewan Games Information and information from our Global Partners.

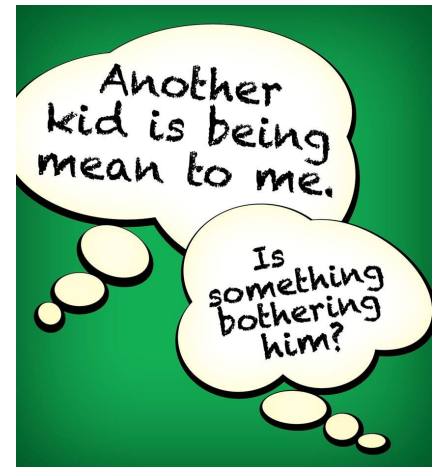
To ensure that you can still receive emails from Rivers West please complete [this form](#) and send it to rwdsr.admin@sasktel.net.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- [SPRA Arena Operator Level 2—Don Ross Centre, North Battleford on September 25-29, 2017](#)
- [SPRA Arena Operator Level 1—Kyle Sports Centre, Kyle on October 10-11, 2017](#)
- [NCCP Competition - Introduction workshops](#)
- [NCCP Competition - Development workshops](#)
- [Coach Developer Core Training schedule](#)

Resources

- Notification of Cessation of Leisure Information Network Services—The [Leisure Information Network \(LIN\)](#) is no longer able to secure funding needed to maintain and grow the National Recreation Database and their suite of information web resources. As a result, LIN will wind down its operations ending September 30, 2017.
- Despite their commitment to countless causes and organizations many board members may be unaware of the legal ramifications of their volunteer work and the possibility of being held personally liable. For more information review [SaskCulture's Board Liability Resource](#).
- One of the biggest responsibilities facing any organization – for either volunteers or staff - will be the effective facilitation of board meetings. The practical aspects of a board's meetings are important and can have a big impact on the board's effectiveness. [SaskCulture's Board Meeting Facilitation](#) resource has tips to help.
- If your child or you are having issues with another participant, parent or instructor in any cultural activity, you are encouraged to call the [Talk It Out—Support Line for Sport, Culture and Recreation](#).
- The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) is excited to announce that SUMA has partnered with MCoS on the [Welcoming and Inclusive Communities \(WIC\) Toolkit](#).
- Saskatchewan **in motion** has developed a Community Action Process aimed at bringing community partners together to get kids moving more at home, at school and in the community. The [Community Action Process](#) will bring together community leaders to develop, implement and evaluate physical activity plans specific to your community. When complete, the action plan can supplement grant applications, make a case for action and track progress.
- Coming back from summer always feels like a fresh start. Optimize this renewed energy with the Board of Directors by having a strong plan in place for the busy months ahead. Start the fall off right, by focusing on Board development. Keep the "3 R's" in mind—[Re-focus, Re-group & Review](#).



Talk it out Find strategies Get support

Think of us as an expert one phone call away if your child or you are having issues with another **participant, parent, coach or instructor** in any recreational activity. It's confidential, non-judgmental.

1-866-773-5777

or email REsupportline@redcross.ca
#talkitoutsk



Register Your Truth and Reconciliation Event

The Office of the Treaty Commissioner is working with diverse partners to create a dialogue that allows the people of Saskatchewan and opportunity to articulate and build public consensus around a vision and plan for reconciliation.

The Office of the Treaty Commissioner wants to hear from you! Take a look at the foundation for the discussion on a [Vision for Reconciliation](#) in Saskatchewan and let them know what resonates with you. Email to [submit your story](#), share it on social media using [#reconciliationSK](#), record a video telling what reconciliation means to you. See where other people are starting in our [Facebook Gallery](#) [#ReconciliationSK](#). Make [your own poster](#), take a photo and add your voice.

Do You Know an Exceptional Volunteer?

Know an Exceptional Volunteer? Nominate them by October 18 to put forward names for the [SK Volunteer Medal!](#)

Culture Days

Is your community geared up and excited for Culture Days on **September 29, 30 and October 1, 2017**? There is still time to register your Culture Days events online before the **September 18th** deadline here: <https://sk.culturedays.ca/en>



Find Culture Days activities taking place within [Rivers West District](#) on our [events calendar here](#).

COACHES WEEK

National Coaches Week is a week to celebrate the tremendous positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities across Canada. This week is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by simply saying [#ThanksCoach](#).



Saskatchewan First Nations Summer & Winter Games Renamed

The Saskatchewan First Nations Summer/Winter Games will now be known as the [Tony Cote First Nations Summer/Winter Games](#) to honour its founder. Tony Cote started the games in 1974. He said that at the time, he noticed that many First Nations youth under 20 were excluded by non-Indigenous sports team and he wanted to change that.

About 500 Indigenous athletes competed when the first summer games took place 43 years ago. This year, the summer games attracted over 3,000 athletes from 74 First Nations throughout the province.

New Minister for Parks, Culture and Sport

Gene Makowsky is now serving as Saskatchewan Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.

Gene graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1996 where he received his bachelor's degree in education with distinction. He is best known for his 17 years playing offensive line with the Saskatchewan Roughriders. He was named the CFL's Most Outstanding Lineman twice, a CFL All-Star five times and helped lead the Riders to a Grey Cup in 2007.

In the off-season Gene worked as a substitute teacher in the Regina Public School System and always attended as many charity and community events as possible. In 2008, he was hired by the provincial government to work with minor football to help aspiring players at the grassroots level in Saskatchewan excel on the football field.

Gene was first elected to the legislature in 2011 and was re-elected in the 2016 provincial election. He has served as Deputy Whip, a member of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, and as Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport (Recreational Initiatives).

Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals

The S.A.R.P. AGM and Awards Gala is coming up quickly! On Friday September 22 the following award winners will be recognized:

Honorary Life Member - Rob Boulding

Outstanding Recreation Professional – Kerry Bailey (Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Field Consultant for Rivers West District)

Award of Merit – Kimberly Willison

Up & Coming Recreation Professional - Chris Keleher (Town of Eston Recreation Director and Rivers West DSCR Board Member)

Employer Professional Development Award – City of Saskatoon

Student Leadership Award – Michael Painchaud and Sarah Streisel

Roy Ellis Bursary – Brittani Duxbury and Jessica Turgeon

Rivers West District Board and Staff would like to extend a special congratulations to Kerry Bailey and Chris Keleher!

SPRA Conference and Annual General Meeting

This year, SPRA is ***On the Hunt For Quality Recreation***.

Join them in Warman, Saskatchewan on October 19-21 for the 2017 Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Conference.

For more information on available sessions, activities and registration details visit the [SPRA website](#).



Grants

- [SPRA First Nation Member's Recreation Grant](#)—Deadline October 31
- [Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program](#)—Deadline October 1
- [SPRA Forever... in motion Grant](#)—Deadline November 15
- [SaskCulture Multicultural Initiatives Fund](#)—Deadline October 2
- [Canada's Dairy Farmers Fueling Women Champions](#)—Deadline September 20
- [Sask Sport Parasport Equipment Grant](#)—Deadline September 22
- [Sask Sport Parasport Club Development Grant](#)—Deadline September 22
- [Métis Cultural Development Fund](#)—Deadline October 31

CAAWS Launches New Project for Canada 150

The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) is pleased to announce a new three-year project funded by the Status of Women Canada, Canada 150 project.

The project, *Advancing Gender Equality for Women in Sport*, is a 36-month project based in Ontario in partnership with Ontario Soccer and Ontario Basketball. Its aim is to help sport organizations advance their objectives by expanding their ability to engage girls and women as a key driver of long-term success. It represents a significant investment in support of CAAWS's mission to advance equity in the sport and physical activity system.

[More information here.](#)

Creative Kids

The Creative Kids program is an initiative to reduce financial barriers for children participating in the areas of arts and culture. SaskCulture Inc. and the Saskatchewan Arts Board have been working with members of the community to develop a provincial initiative designed to reduce financial barriers for children who want to participate in organized arts and cultural activities. For more information go to <http://www.creativekidssask.ca/>.

KidSport

KidSport™ is a children's charity dedicated to assisting children of families facing financial obstacles to participate in community sport programs. The KidSport™ goal is to provide these children with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of teamwork, dedication and responsibility through participation in sport. For more information go to <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/saskatchewan/>.

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Rivers West District Funding Opportunities

Grants available through Rivers West District include the [*Sport, Culture & Recreation Community Event and Partnerships Building Grant, Aboriginal Community Sport Grant, Facility Operator Support Program and the Coaching Assistance Program*](#). Check out the funding documents which outline grants from other organizations as well. For more information on our grants, visit our [website](#) or contact Donna at (306) 882-3030 or by [email](#).

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