

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

VIEW ALL WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES ON OUR WEBSITE BY CLICKING HERE.

Grant Writing Workshop Oct 19th - Dodsland

Stay Tuned....More Workshops will be coming soon



We are happy to share that we had incredible intake for all of the Rivers West grants!

For those that received a grant, please remember that Follow-Ups are due at the completion of your event, program or training opportunity.

Read below to see some of the fantastic events and opportunities these grants have helped bring to life in communities across Rivers West District!

Find Follow ups by clicking HERE.

Coaching Assistance Program Recipient Spotlight



My name is Ali Beloud, and I've been coaching soccer and futsal for almost a decade in my community in the Battlefords when I started as a volunteer parent on my child's soccer team. Over the years, I've coached with Battlefords Youth Soccer, River West, and in local schools.

I've had the opportunity to benefit from River West District's Coaching Assistance Program twice. The first was in 2024, when I completed my CONCACAF B Diploma; the second was this year, when I completed the Canada Soccer Children's Diploma. These opportunities have helped me grow not only as a coach, but also as a leader in my community. For example, the Children's Diploma covers many aspects of coaching children up to age 13. It helped me better understand children, how they learn, how to keep them engaged in sport, and most importantly, how to create an environment where they want to keep playing.

This funding didn't benefit only me. I try to share what I learn with the volunteer coaches and parents around me, so the knowledge continues to benefit more coaches and more young players in our community. I also want to mention how easy and smooth the funding application process was. Thank you to River West District for providing this opportunity and to the staff for making it accessible to coaches.

To all coaches out there: we have a big responsibility for the future of the children in our sport. Because of the experience we give them, they may fall in love with the game and play it for the rest of their lives—or they may lose that love and walk away. So keep learning, keep developing yourself, and give every child the best experience you can.

River West District's coach development funding can help you do that.

Play, Create, Participate Program Recipient Spotlight

We’re so happy to see that Rivers West Play, Create, Participate Program Funding helped support BIRC BUDDIES programming and creating some wonderful experiences for families in our communities!

BIRC shared some fantastic photos with us from their recent adventures, showing just how much fun participants had.

Our Community Development Coordinator, Bobbi, also connected with BIRC while they were organizing events in Unity and Kindersley, providing books to include in the BIRC BUDDIES take-home kits for families.

We love seeing organizations work together to create meaningful opportunities across the district.

Thank you, BIRC, for sharing these moments with us — we’re proud to be part of the partnership!





Facility Operator Support Program Recipient Spotlight

There's more to professional development than what happens in the classroom—it's also about the people you meet along the way!

With support from Rivers West District's Facility Operator Support Program, Ian Tilt from Eatonia attended SPRA's Facility Management Module 1 in September 2026. This was Ian's first SPRA event, and he's already looking forward to attending more courses in the future!

For Ian, one of the highlights was the opportunity to connect with others working and learning in the recreation field:
💬 "It feels really good when you don't know anybody, you go sit at a random table, and they immediately are friendly and welcoming with their conversation."

Of course, the catered lasagna, garlic bread and salad were a pretty great bonus too! 😊

Through the Facility Operator Support Program, Rivers West District is proud to help people like Ian access training opportunities, build connections and bring new knowledge back to their communities.

Way to go, Ian! We're glad we could be part of your first SPRA experience!

Event & Partnership Building Program Recipient Spotlight

Town of Kindersley - Kick Off to Goose Festival



Rivers West District is so happy to play a small part in wonderful community events like this!

It's always great to see a community come together—and it sounds like this was an especially memorable evening!

"It was so busy and completely filled my heart, as this day was a big core memory from my childhood. The bouncy castles were so busy with children, and we painted 162 children's faces!" - Chelsea Omness, Kindersley Aquatic Manager



What an incredible turnout and a wonderful way to create new memories for the next generation!

EVENTS CALENDAR
CLICK HERE



The 2028 Saskatchewan Summer Games are coming to Weyburn!

From July 23-29, 2028, more than 1,800 athletes, coaches and officials will converge in Weyburn to share in the thrill of competition and camaraderie on the provincial stage. Upwards of 1,000 community volunteers will be recruited to welcome thousands of visitors to the area during the seven days of Games competition.

More information will become available as we get closer to the Games.
https://saskgames.ca/summer

1,800+ participants

1,000+ volunteers

13 sports

9 District Teams

7 days

1 incredible experience!

More details on each sport, including venues, dates, competition rules, format, and age classification, can be found in the sport's technical package. Technical packages will be published in late 2026.

A breakdown of District team size by sport, age classification, and venue will be available in late 2026.



District Teams

Team Lakeland - Prince Albert, Nipawin, Melfort

Team North - LaRonge, Cumberland House, Pelican Narrows, LaLoche, Stony Rapids

Team Parkland Valley - Yorkton, Melville, Esterhazy

Team Prairie Central - Warman, Humboldt, Kelvington, Fort Qu'Appelle, Outlook

Team Regina - City of Regina

Team Rivers West - North Battleford, Lloydminster, Rosetown, Biggar, Kindersley, Meadow Lake

Team Saskatoon - City of Saskatoon

Team South East - Weyburn, Estevan, Whitewood, Broadview

Team South West - Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Assiniboia, Maple Creek

Sports and Age Classifications

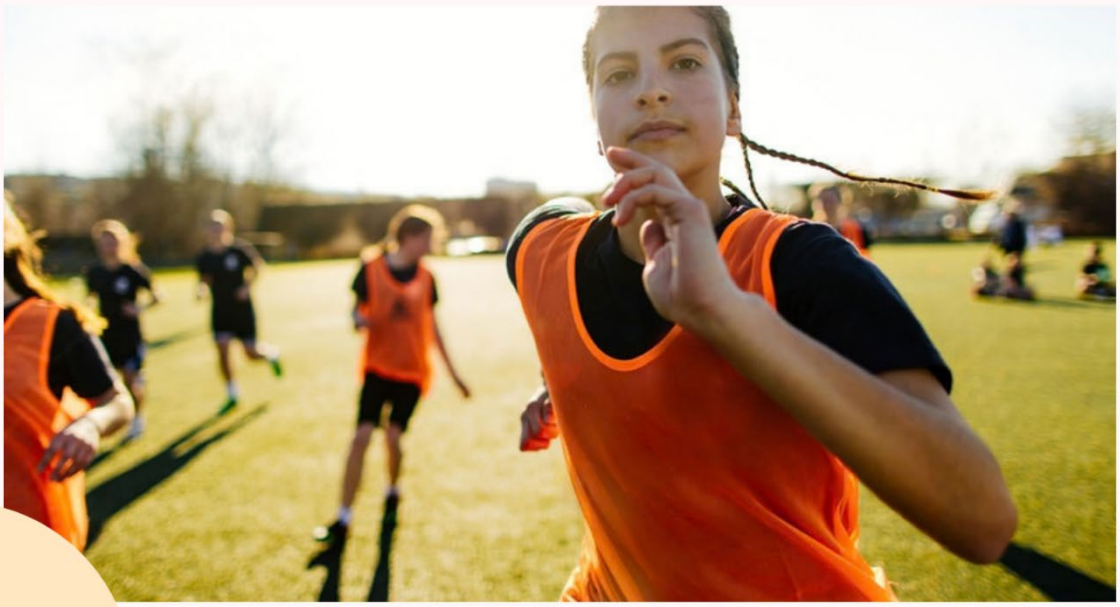
Archery	U18	DOB: 2010-2015
Athletics	16-18 YOA	DOB: 2011-2013
Baseball (M)	15U	DOB: 2013-2014
Basketball (M & F)	14U	DOB: December 31, 2014 or later
Canoe/Kayak	11-15 YOA	DOB: 2013-2017
Rowing	14-18 YOA	DOB: 2010-2014
Soccer (M & F)	13-15 YOA	DOB: 2013-2015
Softball (F)	U13	DOB: 2015-2016
Special Olympics - Bocce	10-40 (Priority 10-29)	DOB: 1989-2018
Swimming	Male: 12-15 Female: 11-14	DOB: 2013-2016 (male athletes); 2014-2017 (female athletes)
Tennis	U15	DOB: 2013-2017
Triathlon	12-15 YOA	DOB: 2013-2016
Volleyball (M & F)	14U	DOB: 2014 or later



Folklore Magazine is looking for submissions that reflect a variety of perspectives on the theme; **a diversity of time periods, experiences and angles**, including (but not limited to) war brides, displaced persons and political refugees, economic migrants, people impacted by historical forces in the wake of WWII (up to and including the present day), and more.

For more information and how to submit a story Click Here





INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY SPORT DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Fall Applications Due October 31st, 2026

Click Here for link to Application

Submit Grant Applications
or Questions to:
Bobbi Hebron
cdcrosetown@riverswestdistrict.ca
306-494-7771 (cell)

Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation

SASK LOTTERIES

SASK SPORT

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY SPORT DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

- **What is the purpose :**
  - The purpose is to provide greater sport participation and development opportunities for Indigenous youth in Saskatchewan.
- **Who can apply :**
  - Organizations that provide services with First Nations and Métis people and are registered under the Saskatchewan Non-Profit Corporations Act (these organizations must have been incorporated and in existence for a minimum of one year)
  - Communities must provide endorsement from a Bonded Authorized Officer (Ex. Mayor, Reeve or Chief)
  - Ineligible communities or organizations may partner with eligible communities/organizations to apply for support and deliver activities that meet the objectives of the program.
  - Individuals may not apply for funding assistance through this program. All projects must be supported by a community or eligible organization.
- **What can you apply for:**
  - Direct program related costs including equipment, insurance, league fees, transportation, facilities

Dream Brokers
Connecting Inner City Children & Youth

What is Dream Broker all about? . . . The Dream Broker connects inner-city youth and their families with a sport, recreational or cultural activity. She can support participation in various sport, culture or recreation activities by helping with registration costs, transportation, equipment or just by being a cheerleader on the sidelines when a family member is unable to attend.

Dream Broker Monthly Update – Fall 2026

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great start to the school year! I wanted to share a quick update on what has been happening with the Dream Broker programs this fall.

- **Muay Thai: McKitrick, Connaught and St. Mary's school**
  Muay Thai has officially started with Cory Chambers. Students have been enjoying learning new skills, staying active, and building confidence through the program.

- **Dungeons & Dragons: McKitrick school**
  Dungeons & Dragons has also started at McKitrick and has been a great opportunity for students to use their creativity, problem-solving skills, and teamwork while having fun.

- **Dance class: McKitrick school**
  Dance will be starting Tuesday, September 29th at McKitrick school. Students will have the opportunity to learn new dance skills and stay active while having fun.

- **Art Club with Brenda Gardiner: McKitrick, Connaught and St. Mary's school**
  Art Club with Brenda Gardiner will be starting October 6th for St. Mary's, October 7th for Connaught, and October 8th for McKitrick Students will have the chance to explore different art activities and build their creativity and skills through the 11-week

program.

- **Ribbon Skirt Making: McKitrick, Connaught and St. Mary's school**
  Ribbon skirt making will be starting in the middle of November. This will be a hands-on cultural and creative program where students will learn how to make their own ribbon skirts.

Thank you,
Emily Collier
District Dream Broker – Battlefords

Please let Emily know if you're interested in more information.
E-mail ddb@riverswestdistrict.ca **or call/text 306-441-8151**

Celebrating our Outstanding Coach Community Champion!

Rivers West District would like to congratulate and thank Koralie Mack, recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Coach Community Champion Award!

This award recognizes Koralie's meaningful contribution of time, energy, and passion to sport and celebrates the positive impact she has made on athletes and within her community. Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to encouraging and supporting others are truly appreciated and deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations, Koralie, and thank you for making a difference through coaching!

Koralie is a dedicated community wrestling coach who has made a lasting impact on young athletes in Unity and Wilkie. A former provincial medalist herself, she has given back to the sport that shaped her by investing countless hours in developing, encouraging, and supporting

the next generation of wrestlers. As a co-coach, she has helped guide her teams to an impressive seven provincial boys' and girls' team championships.

Koralie's commitment extends far beyond competition. Living in Unity, she travels to Wilkie two to three times each week for practices, often covering her own travel expenses. She also gives up many weekends with her family to accompany athletes to tournaments, again taking on many of the costs herself.

At practice, Koralie doesn't simply coach from the sidelines—she gets right onto the mat. Whether demonstrating techniques, working one-on-one with an athlete, or stepping in as a training partner when numbers or weight classes don't match up, she leads by example. Her willingness to put in the same effort she asks of her athletes demonstrates the work ethic, resilience, and dedication she hopes to instill in them.

Koralie's passion for wrestling and genuine commitment to the athletes she coaches have strengthened the wrestling program and positively influenced the young people involved.



Pictured Left to Right: Koralie Mack & Bpbbi Hebron, RWD Community Development Coordinator

Rural Recreation Practitioner Gathering

On Sept. 22, Rivers West partnered with Lakeland and Prairie Central Districts as well as the City of Warman, Sask Parks and Recreation, Play Melfort to hold a Rural Recreation Practitioner Gathering in Warman Sask., with support from Sask Lotteries.

The days intention was to provide an opportunity for networking and sharing ideas and building stronger communities. With more than 30 people in attendance from across all three Districts, participants collaborated in large and small groups to discuss grants, programming and events, technology and software in recreation, community engagement, marketing and communications, facilities, operations and fees.

Representing and supporting the Rivers West District in the photo (L to R) are Lori Fenrich – Parks and Recreation Director from Wilkie, Kelli Emmons – Recreation Director from Rosetown; Bobbi Hebron – Community Development Consultant for Rivers West; Kristy Wilson – Community & Social Development Consultant from SPRA.







Pumpkin Carving Season is Here!

Halloween is just around the corner, and it’s time to get creative! Whether you carve a spooky face, a silly character, or an impressive masterpiece, pumpkin carving is a fun way to bring family and friends together.
Make an evening of it with some treats, warm drinks, and a little friendly competition!

Carve it. Light it. Show it off.
Happy Halloween!

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Expression of Interest

Rivers West District

WORKSHOPS

We will support your community in providing practical and engaging learning opportunities that are adapted to your needs, priorities and time frames.

PRESENTATIONS

We provide tailored, valuable presentations that inspire ideas, share resources and highlight opportunities for you and your community leaving you with inspiring ideas.

EVENTS

From conferences, community events and networking opportunities to local celebrations and regional initiatives; we will provide the support you need to get started.

GRANTS

Our goal is to help communities access funding by connecting you with local, provincial and federal grant opportunities. We will support you through the writing process or connect you with those who can.

TRAINING

Rivers West and our community partners are committed to supporting staff, volunteers, coaches and all those in the sport, culture and recreation sector with valuable training opportunities.

SUPPORT

We are available to help with planning, ideas, problem-solving, networking, promotion and community development intiatives or we will connect you with those who can!

Supporting our people and our communities!

Rivers West
Sport, Culture & Recreation

Expression of Interest

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

We will partner with and support your community to meet its unique needs

Workshops

- ◯ Board Governance
- ◯ Generating Revenue
- ◯ Indigenous Teachings
- ◯ Strategic Planning
- ◯ Diversity and Accessibility
- ◯ Volunteer Recruitment
- ◯ Age Friendly Communities
- ◯ Event Planning
- ◯ Community Building

Community Events

- ◯ Cultural Sensitivity
- ◯ Barn Quilt Painting
- ◯ Planting Workshop
- ◯ Winter & Summer Games
- ◯ Community Beautification

Presentations

- ◯ To Councils or Boards
- ◯ To School Groups
- ◯ To Community Groups
- ◯ To Volunteers
- ◯ To Recreation Directors

Grants

- ◯ Program & Event Grants
- ◯ Training Grants
- ◯ Sport Development Grants

Training

- ◯ Aboriginal Coaching
- ◯ Youth Leadership
- ◯ Mental Health First Aid
- ◯ Facility Operators
- ◯ Fitness Training
- ◯ Sport Wrapping & Taping

Set up a visit or call with us today!

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WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A *Visit* WITH RWD?

Rivers West
District for SPORT, CULTURE + RECREATION



Every year, our Community Development Coordinators meet with community leaders, volunteers, and organizations leading culture, recreation, and sport programs and activities.



BOOK A MEETING with one of our Community Consultants.
We can meet one on one, with your board, with your group, or with lots of community groups.

Contact **Bonnie** cdclloyd@riverswestdistrict.ca or **Bobbi** cdcrosetown@riverswestdistrict.ca

Partner Workshops

- Sport for Life Workshops
- Anti-Racisim in Coaching
- NCCP Multi-Sport Training Modules
- Respect in Sport
- Sport for Life Education Program

Click Here for links and more information


what's
happening

COMING SOON

TO THE KELOWNA CURLING CLUB

CANADIAN STICK CURLING NATIONAL EVENT

MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, 2027

REGISTRATION

OPENS - NOVEMBER 1, 2026 12:00 P.M. PST
CLOSES - FEBRUARY 1, 2027 12:00 P.M. PST

HOW TO REGISTER

GO TO WEBSITE AND CLICK ON REGISTRATION

www.nationalstick27.kelownacurling.com

ENTER MENS, WOMENS OR MIXED

Ensure all information and payment is included

TO BE NOTED

* Each gender division will have an initial 18 guaranteed entries before engaging in a waiting list
* Each Division will include a waiting list time stamped. Keep in mind that entries on the waiting list will have a very high likelihood of getting into the event as we are targeting 90 teams in total
* VERY IMPORTANT TO REGISTER EARLY.
* Wait listed teams will move to the Championsip or Challenge Groups as spaces open once Provincial champions are declared and the backfill process is completed
* All movement from waiting list to Challenge Group or Championship Group will be decided by the CSCA Director in coordination with Provincial Representatives and the Board approved Backfill process
* Teams will be notified in a timely fashion

$300.00 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES

All curling under one Roof

Opening Wine and Cheese
Banquet and Entertainment
BC Night on Friday



Check out our Host Hotel

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BY WYNDAM
KELOWNA, BC

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR BOOKING DETAILS
HOSPITALITY ROOM WITH BREAKFAST ITEMS
ENJOY A MR. MIKES GIFT CARD



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RWD FUNDING
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The most comprehensive resource we've found for a complete list of funding opportunities

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

funding guide

CLICK HERE

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

SASK LOTTERIES

When you buy a ticket through Sask Lotteries – We All Win!

Since 1974, lottery sales in Saskatchewan have been used to provide more than $1.4 billion to support athletes from the grassroots level to the international stage, connect youth to artistic

experiences, help residents experience the beauty of the parks that cover the province and **much more.**

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