

So far this spring and summer has been a busy one for everyone with a lot of variety of events such as backpacking, camping, hiking, canoeing, biking, and socials such as Canada Day and laser tag. For the majority of them, the weather has been fairly decent - let's hope that this warm weather continues for every event!

EOC STORE:

**Please note that July 15th is the cut-off date for the next. To view the items and place an order, go to this site: <http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/store.asp>

EOC MEMBER NEWS:

We are saddened to announce that Mike Hawrylez, a long-time EOCer, passed away in February. He joined the EOC in March 2007 and participated in 35 events over the 2 years that he was involved with our club – he mostly attended urban hikes but also enjoyed skiing, biking, learning events, and social gatherings. Cliff, Mike's friend and fellow EOCer wrote a tribute to Mike.

http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/temp_announcements/Mikes_life_story.pdf

A few of Mike's friends and acquaintances met up for a potluck at Hawrelak Park, to acknowledge what would have been his 53rd birthday on Sunday, July 5th.

EOC COORDINATOR NEWS:

We are also saddened to hear the news about Jennifer Joyce (Jenn)....leaving her Director of Communications and Event Coordinator positions with us.

Jenn is heading to Camrose to school to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing which will take 2 years or so for her to become a Cardiac Care nurse. It will be a very intense training but the program out there focuses on more rural situations which in the end may take her up north or maybe back home to the Maritimes. For those of you who know Jenn, she is a very determined and focused individual who will succeed!

Jenn was always a very social & energetic coordinator who organized quite the variety of events - such as: ice skating, downhill and x-country skiing, snowboarding, sleigh ride, tobogganing, retro roller skating, Team EOC Relay for Life, Candy Cane Lane, and Czech dinner & movie night.

Once again Jenn, we want to thank you for being apart of the EOC and helping the club grow! We hope that if you are around in Edmonton and have the time, to not be a stranger and attend some events! See you out there!

MEETUP LOCATIONS:

Please note that the coordinators really do try hard to give proper directions for the meetup locations for the events and carpool locations. If you are unsure, please call us. Also it is advisable to please purchase a city of Edmonton map or print off the directions/map from Google if you are uncertain of the area.

CARPOOLING:

Please notify your event coordinator if you decide not to meetup at the carpool location and will meet at the event location for out of town events.

EQUIPMENT & SAFETY:

Just a reminder to please review the equipment checklists before heading out on your adventures if you are unsure about what to bring. It is important for yourself and others to stay safe.

<http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/events/checklists/>

Also remember to please stay with your group when on the trails outside of the city - if you need to stop, please tell the coordinator.

Another reminder is to please notify the event coordinator should you turn back early from the event at any time - just out of courtesy. There are times when the coordinators do head counts to ensure we are altogether. The group waits until we are all together again but there have been times where we've waited for quite awhile only to find out that the person has turned back early. Sometimes we don't know if the person turned back because of time issues or if they are injured or suffering from some health issues.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

This policy is not designed to punish people, but only to be fair to all concerned parties.

<http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/member/ruleswaiver.asp>

You will get a 'No Show' if you neglect to pay for an event by the cut-off date, if you cancel out of an event after the registration cut-off, if you are late for a carpool or meeting place and miss the group's departure.

What 'No Shows' mean: If a person has more than four no shows in a year, and they put themselves on the waiting list for an event, other members on the waiting list may be added to the event first at the discretion of the event coordinator.

Event coordinators are responsible for phoning anyone added from the waiting list within 24 hours of carpool/meeting time; if no contact is made, a no show will not be logged against any person.

We will also attempt to send out a reminder e-mail within 24 to 48 hours of the carpool/meeting time; HOWEVER, it is the responsibility of each attendee to be aware of their events and abide by the cancellation policy.

If you wish to dispute a no show, send an email to the EOC Directors at:

directors@edmontonoutdoorclub.com Note that a 'non-payment' no show cannot be disputed.

PAYMENTS:

Some events require prepayment. Your reservation for these events is not complete until you have paid for the event prior to the registration cut-off date. Check the event details to find out if money should be paid to the club to reserve your spot. There are also instances when money must be paid to an event's outfitter upon your arrival. Payment information is included at the bottom of every event page under "Cost & Payment." You can pay for your reservation via PayPal or Cheque/Money Order.

<http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/events/payments.asp>

BECOMING AN EVENT COORDINATOR:

For those of you who could not attend the meeting, here's a brief overview how to become an event coordinator:

Before coordinating for us, we ask that you have attended at least five EOC events, and provide a referral from someone on our volunteer team (perhaps the coordinator of an event you've attended) who can vouch that they think you'll do a good job of coordinating. For your first few events, the Volunteer Coordinator, Jason L, will assist you in setting up your event, and may pair you up with an experienced volunteer who can help out

(depending on the nature/complexity of the event). Your "job" is to learn, do the event, and decide if you want to become more involved as a club volunteer.

For many activities, you need not be an expert to organize something. Let us know the level of experience you have organizing such an event and we'll pitch in as much help as you need...and don't worry, an experienced volunteer will likely be along on your event to help out on the day of your first event.

If you are interested, please contact Jason at: volunteer@edmontonoutdoorclub.com He will be more than happy to explain what is involved in setting up the events, coordinating them, and the post event duties.

PHOTOS:

Remember to submit your photos from any of the EOC events to our photo historian Larry L. at: photos@edmontonoutdoorclub.com The photos need to be resized to: 640x480 or 750x500 pixels. Please submit up to 20 of your favourites for a day event, or up to 40 of your favourites for a multi-day event. To view the photos from previous events, go to your Past Events then click on the camera icon.

FORUM:

The EOC has a forum which includes but not limited to the following topics: general, classifieds, event requests or suggestions, past newsletters. To access the Forum, click on the link on the left panel of the EOC website, enter in your username and password (the same as your EOC website login), & voila!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bike rides, hikes (in and out of town), adventures (eg. Tubing), socials (eg. Taste of Edmonton, laser tag), water sport (eg. canoeing), overnighers (eg. Jasper), backpacking, etc.

ANNUAL EVENTS:

AGM & Party in March/April and the Christmas Party in December

Also we have 2 new annual events for 2010 as they were a huge success this year and everyone enjoyed themselves (or that's what they told me!): Oscar Party in March and Canada Day on July 1st

YOUR EOC VOLUNTEERS:

There are 4 Directors and they are: Shirley, Mark, Ryan, and Sandie. One of them will reply to your e-mail if you send one through (directors@edmontonoutdoorclub.com) depending on the type of question or concern.

To see their responsibilities, go to: <http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/aboutus/officers.asp>

- **Shirley:** Director - Sponsorship, Event Coordinator
- **Mark:** Director - Waiver and Store Administrator, Event Coordinator
- **Ryan M:** Director - Webmaster, Event Coordinator
- **Sandie:** Director - Communications, Event Coordinator
- **Jason L:** Volunteer Coordinator
- **Donna:** Treasurer, Event Coordinator
- **Rhonda S (Hoover):** Safety and Equipment Officer, Event Coordinator
- **Mae B:** Secretary, Event Coordinator
- **Larry L:** Photo Historian, Event Coordinator
- Other Event Coordinators: Bryan W, Catherine L, Jeff S, Keith B, Narmin, Rod G, Steph B, Zoltan

For any general inquiries, you can send an e-mail to: info@edmontonoutdoorclub.com

MEMBERSHIP STATS:

Total # of members: 1082, Total # of active members: 152, # of new members as of Jan. 1st: 476

WAIVERS:

As most of you now know, we have implemented our new online waiver system when you (our members) sign up for events. The only time we need the paper waivers is when a guest is attending and children. So save a tree and get your guests to sign up for free!

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SUMMER TIP:

From the Health Canada website, here are some important camping tips:

- Bring a first-aid kit which includes treatments for food and insect allergies.
- On group outings, leaders need to know about a child's life-threatening food or insect allergies and be ready to deal with them.
- Ensure that children are kept a safe distance from the fire.
- Remember that after a camp fire is extinguished the embers remain dangerously hot for hours later.
- Keep sand or water near the campfire to put out the fire.
- Children should always be with a buddy when leaving the campsite and let an adult know their whereabouts.
- Food attracts wild animals and insects. If possible, store it in a cooler in your car, not in your tent.

Happy Trails Everyone & remember to stay safe out there!

Sandie

EOC - Director of Communications

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