

Spring has sprung (well it had until the recent dump of snow!) and now it's time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors! Hope many of you took advantage of our winter activities such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, urban hikes, photo scavenger hunt, social events, and many more!

For those newbies to the club, I'm Sandie, a club volunteer and currently in charge Communications (since July/09), Volunteer Training Coordinator (since March/10), and an Event Coordinator (since July/08). I'm the one who responds to your e-mails sent to the 'info' e-mail address and issues the newsletters.

If any of you creative writers are out there, I am looking for a volunteer to take over my Communications Officer position as I need to focus more on my Volunteer Training Coordinator role and help the new Event Coordinators setup, organize, and run the events. Please contact me!

Upcoming

As for the next several months, keep your eyes open for events such as hiking in and out of town, conditioning for the backpacking trips, biking, learning sessions, out of town camping trips, canoeing, & more!

New to the Club?

For those of you who have signed up as members but not attended any events yet, don't be shy – come on out and join us!

Donations:

I want to extend a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who has made donations so far this year. As you know the EOC is a volunteer run club and is only made possible due to the member donations, partners, sponsors, and volunteers.

Volunteers

I would like to say a huge "THANKS" to those dedicated and hard working volunteers – without you the club would not survive!

- For any general inquiries, you can send an e-mail to: info@edmontonoutdoorclub.com
- If you are interested in becoming an event coordinator or volunteer in a different capacity, please contact: volunteer@edmontonoutdoorclub.com
- If you have any complaints or concerns about anyone, any event, etc., please e-mail: directors@edmontonoutdoorclub.com

Membership Stats: (as of April 30th)

I am happy to report that the EOC is still going and growing!

- Total # of current members: 1226
- # of new members since January 1st, 2010: 284
- Total # of active members: 164 (those who have attended 3+ in the past 6 months)
- # of Events Completed to date: 2006 = 70, 2007 = 168, 2008 = 179, 2009 = 264, 2010 = 118

Event Difficulty Ratings for Spring & Summer Events:

If you are unsure if you can handle a specific event, please take a look at our difficulty ratings for specific events and if you are still unsure, don't be afraid to ask the event coordinator!

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

Contact Info.

Just a reminder to please go into your account & review your contact info - home, cell, & work. If we need to cancel an event after registration cut-off & need to contact you & your # isn't updated, it makes it very hard for us.

Additional FAQs:

In addition to our 'FAQs' posted on our website (located at:

<http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/aboutus/faqs.asp>), I have received a number of other inquiries and thought I would share, in case you have similar questions.

- **Classified Ads** - I'm sorry but we don't send out e-mails to all the members for classified ads. If you have an event ad or outdoor-related item to sell, you can put a calendar posting up on our website or go into our EOC Facebook Fanpage located at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Edmonton-Outdoor-Club/59118546803?ref=ts>
- **Event Notifications** - To receive e-mail notifications of upcoming events, logon the website then go to the 'My Account' section then select 'View Preferences' and select from there which events would interest you to receive the e-mails.
- **Spring/Summer Events** - We have all kinds of activities such as hiking, camping, backpacking, biking, paddling, & others. I would recommend you look at our past events so you can get an idea of what we will probably do this year: <http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/events/archives.asp>
- **Login & Password Problems** – Please forward any inquiries to: webmaster@edmontonoutdoorclub.com
- **Donations** - You could pay the voluntary donation of \$20 per year via Paypal or give the cash / cheque (made out to the Edmonton Outdoor Club) to a coordinator. Or just pay \$2.00 per event to the coordinator & once you feel you've paid the \$20 for year (as we don't keep track of individual payments), you can either keep on giving or not.
- **Average Age** - To see the average age of the members, please refer to the following link: <http://www.edmontonoutdoorclub.com/aboutus/stats.asp>
- **Resign from the EOC** – To do this, go in and select Resign Membership from My Account menu option on the left-hand side of the screen.

Reminder to Get to Events on Time:

There is lots of construction happening on our roads so please plan accordingly and allow yourself extra time to get to your event meetup locations. Here is the City of Edmonton's construction website which may help you out: http://edmonton.ca/transportation/roads_traffic/roads-and-traffic-updates.aspx

It's construction season so plan ahead!



On a serious note, but needs to be a reminder to all, that the safety of our members is our #1 priority always. If the coordinator specifies that an event will be moderate paced, please respect this. If you are not able to handle it, please don't sign up. If you want to go faster, then the event isn't for you either - it's not a race - sorry!

If you have any injuries that may cause you problems, please state this when you sign up so the coordinator may be able to determine ahead of time as to whether or not you will be capable of completing an event in its' entirety or not. We do NOT & will NOT leave members behind under any circumstance - you must have at least one other person with you if you decide to go slower, turn back, or need someone to pick you up. We want to you arrive home safely.

On that note, have a safe & fun spring!

Our Sponsors:

It is because of their generous support that the Edmonton Outdoor Club remains a free club:

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- Hostelling International: www.hihostels.ca
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- Mountain Madness Tours: www.mountainmadnesstours.com/
- Race the Rockies: www.racetherockies.com
- Vancouver Regional Outdoor Club: www.vancouverregionaloutdoorclub.com

Discounts for EOC Members:

Backcountry.com

To get your Discount:

1. Add the item(s) that you would like to purchase to your cart.
2. Proceed to the final checkout page.
3. Click on Redemption Code on the checkout page.
4. Enter this Code: 4HE-1-EQCPK

All of the eligible items in your cart will be discounted. Please know that due to agreements that we have with our vendors that not all brands can be discounted. Also please know that if an item is already on sale that you will receive which ever discounted price is better, discount codes do not take anything additional off of the sale price.

Campers Village

Just to let you know that you can receive a 10% discount at Campers Village – please print the coupon below & present it to the cashier.



Hope to see you out there!

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