

PARCS UPDATE #4 – SEPTEMBER, 2009



1. MAKING LAKE MEMORIES

Summer is over and the long lazy days at the cottage are just memories to add to our memory banks. We asked some friends to share their cottage memories:

One word say it all – “When our granddaughter was little, she used to plead with her parents to take her “lakering”. That was her word for swimming, water skiing, building sand castles. It summarized it all.”

Send us your best lake stories and we'll print them in future editions of PARCS Update.
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Just wear them out – “We always had a gang of about 10 kids, so we would load them in the boat and take them across the lake for a day of water skiing, beaching, building sand castles and enjoying a picnic. By the time we headed home, the adults were bushed and wished they had half the stamina of the kids who were still bubbling with energy. But we had a perfect solution for getting rid of some of that remaining kid energy. As we approached the beach near the boat launch, we would have each kid, in turn, wearing his lifejacket, jump out of the boat and swim into shore. Meanwhile, the adults took the boat in and loaded it onto the trailer. Then we loaded the kids into the trailer, and headed home for supper ... with tired out kids who were ready to sleep like logs.”

Up to his neck in it – “One of my fondest summer memories is our daughters taking our Springer Spaniel to the beach and burying him in the sand, completely covering him right up to his neck. He would lie very still under the mound of moist sand for at least a half hour. Finally, up he would come out, shaking sand all over everybody, and head for the water. It was a daily tradition.”

Arriving at the lake in the summer – “Friday night was always hotdog night. The kids would head for the beach as soon as they had wolfed down a hotdog. Meanwhile, the adults lugged in the boxes, fought with the pressure system, checked that the cistern was full and the septic tank was empty, raised the flag, and finally, put out the lawn chairs and settled back to watch the moon rise over the lake.”

Arriving at the lake in the winter – “Stepping into the cottage was like stepping into a deep freeze. But we had a system! We always left the wood set up in the fireplace, so the first thing we did was strike a match to the fire. Then we moved the sofa up close to the fireplace. Meanwhile, one of the kids ran around turning on the electric heaters and the other kid turned on the electric blankets to warm the frigid sheets. Next we made hot chocolate for the kids and hot toddies for the adults and gathered on the sofa facing the roaring fire. In a few minutes we were able to remove our jackets, leaving them draped over our shoulders because of the frigid air to our backs. Then our boots came off. Soon our heads are nodding and we headed off to snuggle into our heated beds in our still very chilly cottage. By morning everything felt warm and we are ready for a winter weekend at the cottage – until someone opened a cupboard door and out came a woosh of cold air.”

Me swing, you push – “When our little grand-daughter returned from a weekend at the lake, an adult asked her what she had done at the lake. She replied, ‘I swing on the swing; grandpa pushes and drinks beer.’ They had a system that worked well for both parties.”

It's so beautiful – “The Lake means waking up to the chirping of birds and spending evenings in front of a bonfire. It's watching the Purple Martins doing aerobics. It's sunrises, sunsets, endless beaches, golfing and best of all, it's friends.”

2. THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE PARCS CONVENTION

Check out the agenda on the next page. Fax in your registration and mail your cheque. Or call us and we'll hold your spot. We'd love to have you join us!

PARCS CONVENTION, OCTOBER 15 – 17, SASKATOON INN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. *Registration and coffee*
- 2:30 p.m. Convention Opening and Greeting
- 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. **WORKSHOP #1 – Governance at the Lake - Panel presentation** - Municipal affairs will talk about the rules and processes for governance of organized hamlets, unorganized hamlets, and resort villages. An RM Administrator and a Chair of an Organized Hamlet Board will describe how they work together to administer their cottage community. A Council member of a Resort Village will talk about the challenges and rewards of self-government.
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS SEMINAR**
Module 1 of the Leadership Development Certification Program – Learn about including roles and duties of elected officials, communication, taxation, council and administrator relationships and decision making.
- 8:00 p.m. *Informal Social*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

- 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. *Registration, Breakfast Speaker*
- 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. **OPENING PLENARY SESSION – Is that all there is?**
Leslie Tuchek has a Certificate in Ecological Education and is an advocate for ecological awareness. Ms Tuchek acknowledges that the balancing act of meeting community needs versus commercial wants is a challenge: personal versus community; individual retreat versus tourism; sustainability versus economic growth. But is that all there is? What role does environmental stewardship have in your resort community? Can your district sustain the demands that are currently, and will certainly be, inflicted on it? As a resort community you already deal with many issues but is that all there is?
- 10:30 a.m. to noon **WORKSHOP #2 – Waterfront Challenges - Panel Presentation** - Transportation Canada will update us about the *Navigable Waters Act (November 2008)* and the new rules pertaining to docks and boat launches. Learn what is legal and what is not. The Ministry of the Environment will outline the roles of the various government agencies and who has jurisdiction over beaches and waterfront.
- 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. **WORKSHOP #3 – Dealing with Sewage at the Lake - Panel Presentation** - The former chair of a cottage owners group will tell the tale of how they went from field spraying to having a lagoon. The Environment Ministry will unveil new rules for field spraying. An industry rep will talk about sewage disposal options for small communities.
- 6:00 p.m. *President's Banquet Speaker - Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Min. of Municipal Affairs*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

- 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. *Breakfast, Speaker – Deb Higgins, Municipal Affairs Critic*
- 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. **WORKSHOP #4 – Living Peacefully at the Lake** - Learn about bylaw enforcement requirements. Hear from a bylaw enforcement officer about what works and what doesn't and the steps required to put a bylaw enforcement officer to work in your community.
- Noon *Lunch, Panel – Communicating with cottage owners. Adjourn at 1:00 p.m.*

MEMBERSHIP and/or REVISED CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

From: Name of organization: _____
 Check one: ___ Resort Village ___ Rural Municipality
 ___ Organized Hamlet ___ Unorganized Hamlet
 ___ Cottage Owners Association ___ Other: _____
 Address of organization: _____ Postal code: _____
 Contact phone number: _____ Contact email: _____

To: **PARCS Member Services** **Questions:** Call 854-4658
 Box 52 **Or fax us** at 854-4412
 Elbow, SK, S0H 1J0

Re: MEMBERSHIP 2009 (For those who have not yet paid for their 2009 membership)

- Enclosed please find our membership fee as follows:
- ___ \$50 for 1-30 cottages/properties (active member, 2 voting delegates)
 - ___ \$125 for 31-49 cottages/properties (active member, 3 voting delegates)
 - ___ \$195 for 50-149 cottages/properties (active member, 4 voting delegates)
 - ___ \$265 for 150-249 cottages/properties (active member, 5 voting delegates)
 - ___ \$385 for 250-499 cottages/properties (active member, 6 voting delegates)
 - ___ \$550 for 500+ cottages/properties (active member, 7 voting delegates)

Re: CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Enclosed please find our convention registrations as follows:

- Number of attending **members (voting delegates)**: _____ x \$150 = \$ _____
 (Includes all meals, banquet & Newly Elected Officials Seminar)
- Number of attending **non-members (non-voting)**: _____ x \$200 = \$ _____
 (Includes all meals, banquet & Newly Elected Officials Seminar)
- Number attending **ONLY the Newly Elected Officials Seminar**: _____ x \$ 50 = \$ _____
- Number of spousal registration packages
 (Includes all meals and banquet) _____ x \$125 = \$ _____
- Number of **extra banquet tickets**: _____ x \$ 40 = \$ _____

WALK-IN REGISTRATION for the following HALF-DAY _____ x \$20 = \$ _____
 ___ Thursday evening ___ Friday afternoon
 ___ Friday morning ___ Friday evening (\$50 payable at the door)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Names of Voting Delegates (Please print)

_____ representing _____
 _____ representing _____
 _____ representing _____