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Dragonflies And Minnows

Spring Break & Summer Programs

DF&M is a program for families of children between the ages of 0-18 years of age with complex care needs and disabilities. The program offers one hour of swim time with your child/ren with a qualified swim instructor, then its on to the gym for some drop in fun



See registration form at the back of this newsletter for upcoming dates
Thank you to all our volunteers!



Funding For The Dragonflies and Minnows Spring Program was provided by:

Okanagan Fest-Of-Ale Society, Business gives back, Penticton Auto Dealers & Friends Golf Gala, United Way, Toskan Casale Foundation

It's Here!!!!

Dragonfly's Youth Night

Sponsored By The Penticton Auto Dealers and Friend Golf Tournament



Once a month we will be offering a youth night for families with children who have complex care needs and/or disabilities between the ages of 12-18 years of age. On the first night we will discuss future activities and locations

February 25, 2009

Pizza & Movie Night

Smith & Co., Winnipeg Street, Penticton

6:00-8:30

For more info call Tina at 490-3305

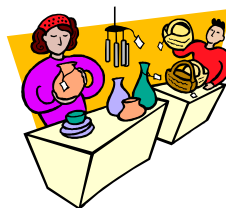


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

LET FRIENDS AND FAMILY KNOW OF THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT DRAGONFLY POND

Dragonfly Pond depends on volunteers to make Children's Programs, activities and special events happen

For more information about how you can give a gift of your time call Tina at 490-3305 or Email at dragonfly@vip.net



Come See us

At the

Cherry Lane Charity Bazaar Saturday March 7



Find out about more about the services we offer. Dragonfly Pond will be selling raffle tickets and accepting

Memberships for 2009 free gift offered with membership.

Dragonfly Pond Will be holding it's Volunteer Appreciation

**Monday April 20,2009
5:00-7:00 pm
Smith & Co
Winnipeg Street
Penticton BC**



Partnering once again with our Community Center Dragonfly Pond will once again present:

Dragonfly Gym Time Saturdays

April 18 and 25 & May 9, and 30
12:00-1:30

1 1/2 hours of arts & crafts, balls and other gross motor activities such as bikes, hockey, and climbing apparatus



The Penticton Community Centre would love your help to spread the word about two fun winter programs for children with disabilities.

Our new **Special Needs Hockey** program is a fun & safe beginner hockey opportunity for boys & girls 6-12 years old with developmental disabilities. Siblings are welcome too! Players must be physically able to skate. Some equipment (skates, helmets, sticks and pads) is available upon request. Participants will skate at McLaren Park Arena on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am, January 18 to March 15. The fee for the session is \$25.

Kids in Motion is for children 5-12 years and **Teens in Motion** is for youth 13-18 years who need assistance to participate in recreational activities. Students will develop motor skills on a variety of gym equipment and spend time with friendly and experienced staff and volunteers. A parent or teaching assistant is required to work with each student. Kids in Motion is Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am, Teens in Motion 1:30-2:30pm, both take place in the Community Centre gymnasium starting January 8 until March 5. The fee for the session is \$23.

Youth Week May 1-7th. The Community Center will be offer a wide range of activities

To inquire about these or other child, youth or family programs, please phone Carol Flynn at (250) 490.2438 or email carol.flynn@penticton.ca.

To register please phone the Penticton Community Centre at 250-490-2426. I am certainly open to any feedback or suggestions about these programs too!



Trevor MacDonald
Will run the
BMO Vancouver Marathon
For Dragonfly Pond

To help Trevor Raise Money for this cause please phone or send in your pledge today to
Dragonfly Pond Family Society
Box 24077, Penticton B.C V2A 8L9
490-3305
or to donate online go to
www.dragonflypondsociety.com

**2009
Wal Mart
Hot Dog Sale
Fundraisers**

June 27
July 11, 12
August 22, 23
September 12



Have some fun and volunteer and invite some friends to help support our families in the South Okanagan
Similkameen phone Tina at 490-3305



Join us at the
Okanagan Children's Festival
May 21, 22, & 23

At the Okanagan Lake Park

We will be setting up a rest tent for families who may need a little break from it all.

Anyone interested in volunteering at this event please call
Tina at 250-490-3305



Canada's National
Today's Parent Magazine

Check out the March addition for a special Dragonfly Pond Family Society article.

Today's Parent presented a \$2000 check to help support our Society.

One of Our members nominated Dragonfly Pond in a contest for organization's that make a difference

Respality South Okanagan Similkameen 2009

The Respality Program offers a little relaxation to parents of children who have complex care needs and disabilities. We would like to acknowledge the community partners who support program that gives parents a chance to relax and recuperate. These businesses enjoy hearing how you have enjoyed the experience they have given. They look forward to serving you in the future. We encourage you to let them know that their support is appreciated for without their generous donations this program could not be offered.

Thanks to...

RAMADA INN, COAST LAKESIDE RESORT, PASTA FACTORY, HOLIDAY INN OSOYOOS, BAREBONES THEATRE, TIKI SHORES RESORT
PEN MAR THEATER, GOLDEN SANDS RESORT,
OKANAGAGAN SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTH OKANAGAN,
SHOPPERS DRUG MART

DRAGONFLY POND FAMILY SOCIETY IS SUPPORTED BY...

Penticton Auto Dealers Association, Penticton & Friends Golf Tournament, , United Way of the South Okanagan, Ministry of Child and Family Development, Lakeside Resort, Ramada Inn & Suites, London Drugs, Shoppers Drug Mart Penticton, Pasta Factory, Rick Whittaker, Accountant. Bernice Greig, Lawyer., Business Gives Back, South Okanagan Children's Charity, City of Penticton Community Centre & Pool Staff, Okanagan Fest of Ale Society, Safeway, Communities for Kids, Penticton Kinettes, The White Spot, Community Foundation of the South Okanagan, Pen High leadership and the Toskan Casale Foundation, Penticton Herald, Summerland Review, Penticton Western, Princeton review, The Blue Mule, Wal-Mart, Okanagan Symphony of the South Okanagan, private consultants, concerned citizens, family members, foundations, Today's Parent magazine and the KRG Children's charitable foundation, and other community agencies & service providers.



**Dragonfly
Pond**



FAMILY RESPITE SOCIETY

Dragonflies and Minnows

2009

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

MONDAY MARCH 16, 17, 18, 19 JULY 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24 FRIDAY AT THE PARK

AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 FRIDAY MORNING AT THE PARK

PENTICTON COMMUNITY CENTRE POOL & GYM

9:30-12:00

MAIL TO: BOX 24077, PENTICTON BC V2A 8L9 OR DROP OFF AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER POOL FRONT DESK
FOR MORE INFO CALL TINA AT 490-3305

Information:

Attending: Spring Break July August

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Any allergies or concerns: _____

Parents/Guardian name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Contact phone number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Caregiver's Name: _____
(person accompanying participant if different from above)

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Dragonfly Pond Family Respite Society Supports families who have children with complex care needs and disabilities in the South Okanagan Similkameen. The Summer break programs welcomes Caregivers, Support Workers, families and their children to come and enjoy activities in a safe, accepting and understanding environment.

The week long sessions will begin in the morning with a qualified instructor in 1 hour of swim time in the Community Center Pool. The second part of the morning will be held in the Community Center Gym where there will be crafts, and gross motor activities and equipment.

I, give permission for my child to have her/his photo to be taken for the following purposes:

- Dragonfly Pond's scrapbook for viewing at public events and community meetings.
- For an article in the Western News Advertiser, Penticton Herald or local community media.
- Dragonfly Pond Newsletters and promotional materials.
- Dragonfly Pond Website
- I do not give permission for any of the above**

The Children's Programs are funded and supported by many businesses and community foundations in the South Okanagan Some of which are:

Penticton Auto Dealers and Friends Golf Gala, OFOA, United Way, Penticton & Friends Charity Golf Classic, Community Foundation, London Drugs, Canadian Tire, Wal-Mart and the South Okanagan Children's Charity

I have read and agree that the above information is correct, and I will notify the Program Coordinator of any changes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date