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THE SCOOPS

Spring is upon us and we're SO excited! We've got lots of fun and exciting activities coming up.

WELCOMES:

Please join us in welcoming **Brandon Leake** in Community Support and **Paige Duchek** in Staffed Resource Support.

REMINDERS:

- ***Dress for the weather!*** With the seasons changing, just a reminder to make sure you're dressed appropriately for the weather and upcoming warmer days. Be sure to have sunscreen and hat for protection from the sun, extra sunscreen to re-apply, a labeled water bottle and comfy shoes as well.
- **SUNSCREEN:** Please be sure to have your own sunscreen that is labeled which we will happily store at the office.
- ***Feeling Ill?*** Just a reminder that if you're showing any signs of illness (fever, cough, runny nose, vomiting, upset stomach, diarrhea etc.) to please stay home to get better and not spread germs. If you arrive ill or become ill during your supports and services, we will call your Family or Home Share Provider to come pick you up so you can rest at home.
- Summer is right around the corner and we've got lots of fun and exciting activities planned…….keep reading!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"Spring is nature's way of saying LET'S PARTY"

Here are some important up-coming dates:

- **Sunday May 11th Mother's Day**
- **Monday May 19th Victoria Day - Access is closed**
- **Wednesday May 21st Access Resources Soccer Tourney**
- **Tuesday May 27th PRC Summer Program Guide available**
- **Friday June 6th PRC Summer Program Registration @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday June 15th Fathers Day**
- **Sunday June 21st First day of Summer**
- **Tuesday June 25th - 27th CARF Survey**
- **Thursday June 26th Summer Kick off BBQ @ Gyro 12-4**
- **Tuesday July 1st Canada Day - Access is Closed**
- **Friday July 18th Access Resources Houseboat Cruise from 1-3 p.m. - See page 3**
- **Monday August 4th Civic Holiday- Access is closed**
- **Tuesday August 5th PRC Fall Program Guide available**
- **Friday August 15th PRC Fall Program Registration @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **Monday September 1st. Labor Day - Access is closed**

ACCESS IDOL

Back by popular demand, we hosted our famous Access Idol on April 9th. We kicked it off with a BBQ and then had some amazing talent to watch. The energy and vibe from the day was palpable. Thank you to all our participants who delivered such great entertainment and a big Thank You to **Charmaine Wilson** for organizing the event, getting the prizes and decorating. Thanks to all our amazing staff for participating and to **Kelsey T.** and **Shawn K.** for their fancy dance moves. It was a great day!

SUMMER EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Access Resources Soccer Tournament

Due to popular demand and the endless fun it is, its BACK and we'll be hosting our annual soccer tournament

When: Wednesday May 21st from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: PRC Soccer Fields (the left of the building)

Who: Open to all Access Resources Individuals and their staff

Sign Up: With **Abby Heinen** (Call the office or email)

Come out to cheer on your friends and have some fun!

ANNUAL HOUSEBOAT CRUISE

It's BOOKED! Get your groove on our **Annual Houseboat Cruise** with your friends. Y'all know how much fun this event is. Bask in the warm Okanagan sun while cruising the lake, listening and dancing to the best tunes and having a blast with your pals. Light refreshments are provided.

When: Friday July 18, 2025 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at the foot of Bernard Ave. by the Sails no later than 12:45 p.m.as the boat leaves promptly at 1:00 p.m. (Remember Bernard Ave will be closed to vehicle traffic so please access the Marina from Water Street and be prepared to walk a bit)

Cost: $20/person - reserve your seat early as it fills up quickly so contact Sonja or Angie at the office to sign up

Theme: Tacky Tourist - come with your best "tourist" outfits

TSN @ the SUMMERLAND STEAM TRAIN

TSN will be facilitating a full day trip at the **Summerland Steam Train** with a picnic lunch there. They plan to ride the train from 12:30-1:30 and then look around and sight see following the ride. There are limited spaces available so make sure you get your name on the list. For more information, please contact **Tricia/Jeremy** at the office.

CHOOO! CHOOO!

Date: Friday July 4th, 2025

Time: 9:30 - 4:00

Where: Leave from 981 Borden Ave and travel to Summerland

Cost: $28.00 person **(this is a reduced rate for the group from their regular rates)**

"Sweet May hath come to love us. Flowers, trees, their blossoms don"

~ Heinrich Hein ~

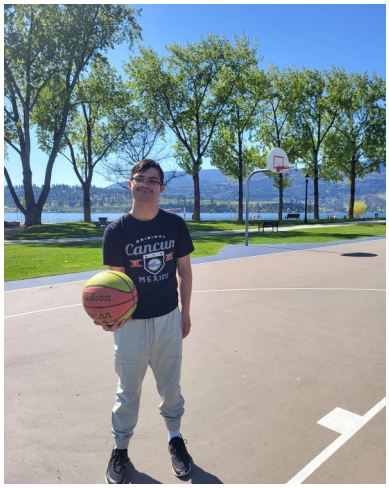
CARF SURVEY

We are preparing for our 7th CARF Accreditation Survey on June 25th, 26th & 27th.

A CARF survey is a **process of evaluation of a provider's services for quality** It is a step toward accreditation, where a provider invites CARF International to send a team of professionals, called surveyors, to visit its site and evaluate its services. The surveyors consult with staff members and interview people who use the provider's services. When a facility applies for accreditation, CARF surveys the center, and a CARF representative makes observations and reviews records to determine how well the facility meets standards.

We will be reaching out to **Families** and **Home Share Providers** to ask if they would be interested in participating in the interview process. This will be a 20-30 minute interview on your experiences with the Agency. If you're interested or available to participate, please let Sonja or Angie know.

“SAY CHEESE!’



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