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## **Attention: Community Calendar & Events PSA Coordinator**

Please consider the following PSA's for use in your Community Calendar, Meetings or Events areas.

- Start date: Immediate
- End date: Friday, May 4th – 3:00 pm

## **Hunters in the Sky Exhibit**

Falcons, Hawks and Owls have taken over the Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan in Mission Creek Regional Park.

These Okanagan raptors are the key animals featured in the *'Hunters in the Sky'* exhibit at the EECO. It features displays and activities focusing on Raptors: birds that use their exceptionally keen senses to hunt primarily while flying. The exhibit, which runs through May, helps you investigate what makes these Birds of Prey, different from other birds. Teachers and community group leaders may also wish to request the popular *'Owls of the Okanagan'* program and you can book your space by contacting the EECO at 250-469-6140.

The Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan or EECO is located in Mission Creek Regional Park at Springfield and Durnin Roads. For more information visit the Regional District website [regionaldistrict.com/parks](http://regionaldistrict.com/parks) or contact the EECO at 250-469-6140 or email [eeeco@cord.bc.ca](mailto:eeeco@cord.bc.ca)

- Start date: Immediate
- End date: Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am

## **EECO Story Time**

The Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan or EECO (EE-coh) offers a fun program for pre-schoolers this winter. Participation is by donation as three to five year old children and their caregivers take part in *EECO Story Time* on Wednesday mornings through February 29<sup>th</sup>.

The sessions run from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and during the hour, you'll be treated to a nature story, songs, games and crafts for the youngsters. It's a fun and active way to learn more about our Regional Parks and the animals of the Okanagan. There's plenty of parking at the EECO, located in Mission Creek Regional Park at Springfield and Durnin Roads.

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## Winter Heritage Hike

If you'd like to learn about our Okanagan past and enjoy some fresh air, Regional Parks Services invites you to take part in a **Winter Heritage Hike!**

As part of Heritage Week celebrations in the Central Okanagan on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> a Parks Interpreter will be your guide, highlighting local history and showing off the natural beauty in Trepanier Greenway Regional Park. The interpretive outing runs from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

While this event is free, please pre-register by contacting the Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan (EECO) at 250-469-6140. Participants should dress in layers, wear appropriate footwear and bring a small snack and water on the outing. Please meet at the Trepanier Greenway Regional Park parking area, along Trepanier Road just off and under the Okanagan Connector – Highway 97-C.

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- Start date: Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>
- End date: Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm

## Heritage Week Winter Picnic

Celebrate Heritage Week in the Central Okanagan with a picnic in a perfect setting!

Dress up the family, pull on the touques and mittens, slide into your boots and join our Regional Parks staff for a **Heritage Week Winter Picnic** at Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park, 2375 Whitworth Road in West Kelowna. The activities go Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Pack a picnic lunch, enjoy the free winter games to keep you active and sip some warm beverages while the younger members of your family take part in our Wacky Winter Olympics. While there take some time to learn more about the history and heritage of this working nut orchard and waterfront park.

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- Start date: Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>
- End date: Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am

## Free Spring Discovery at Shannon Lake Regional Park

Here's a way to keep your family active, outdoors and enjoying the fresh air during Spring break!

Join Regional Parks staff at Shannon Lake Regional Park on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for the **Spring Discovery program**. We'll have a variety of outdoor games and activities for every member of your family to enjoy. And you just may find out about some of the unique features of this 3.7-hectare regional park, just off Shannon Lake Road. You don't have to register to take part in this Spring Discovery program, just show up.

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- Start date: Immediate
- End date: Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Nature Detectives Wanted for Spring Break Camps

Registration is now underway for this year's **Nature Detectives Spring Break Camps** at the EECO in Mission Creek Regional Park (Springfield and Durnin Roads).

Youngsters taking part are encouraged to unpack their sleuthing skills and hunt out who's been in the park during these morning and afternoon camp sessions.

Activities for children age five to seven run mornings March 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> and again March 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There's also an afternoon session for five to seven year olds March 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Youth age eight to 11 will hone their nature detective skills during afternoon sessions March 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All camp participants will enjoy a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities that are designed to encourage and spark their interest in the natural environment.

Please register in advance at the EECO. The cost is \$60 per youngster for each of the camp sessions.

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