

Drowning Prevention Week another success!

The Lifesaving Society's annual public education campaign of National Drowning Prevention Week ran from July 19 – 27, 2008. We would like to thank all those affiliates who participated in the event and helped to educate Saskatchewan residents about drowning prevention.

The winner of this year's National Drowning Prevention Trophy will once again go to the Regina YMCA who had participation numbers during the campaign of over 11,000 people! Honorable mentions go to the City of Saskatoon's Riversdale Pool with 4708 participants, the City of North Battleford's Kinsmen Aquatic Centre with 3141 participants and the Town of Assiniboia's Aquatic Centre with 956 participants!



Prince Albert Mayor Jim Scarrow proclaims Drowning Prevention week in Prince Albert along with Nicole Lychak and Brandon Hicks



Swift current Mayor Sandy Larson proclaims Drowning Prevention week in Swift Current along with Kaylee Melhoff,, Miriam Hornell, and Jordan Strain

Many affiliates from across the province from Kipling to Meadow Lake helped to make this our most successful campaign ever! In total, we had 24,691 participants. In addition, 585 people achieved the Swim to Survive standard during the week long event. Thank you Saskatchewan!

Northern Water Smart Program

The Northern Water Smart Program was successfully delivered in 4 northern Saskatchewan communities this summer. The communities of Pine House, Dillon, Beauval, and Southend had 1 week programs in or near their communities.

We also were fortunate to be invited to participate in a training workshop in La Ronge for Community School Recreation Coordinators prior to the summer commencing. At the training workshop we delivered Water Smart training messages that the Northern Recreation and School Coordinators could take back their communities and deliver over the summer.

We directly delivered programs to over 320 individuals in programs ranging from swimming lessons, BOAT programs, to Emergency First Aid and CPR..

We look forward to working with the communities in Northern Saskatchewan again in 2009. We would also like to thank the Community Initiatives Fund for providing some funding for the program this year.



Destin Ash, Lifesaving Society Staff, with children in the community of Pinehouse, SK

2008 Sask-Rescue Prairie Invitational Lifeguard and Lifesaving Competition

On Saturday, November 15 over fifty lifesavers, lifeguards, judges and volunteers participated in the Sask-Rescue Prairie Invitational Lifeguard Competition. This long running event took place at the YMCA of Saskatoon and was a great success.

Results

Lifesaving—Bronze Medallion—1. Janaan 2. Chris 3. Alita

Lifesaving—Bronze Cross—1. Brian 2. Nathan 3. Janine

Lifeguarding—1. Unsinkables 2. Yellow Submarines 3. Lane Ropes

Congratulations to all who participated.

The Lifesaving Society is the Canadian governing body for competitive lifesaving – a sport recognized by the International Olympic Committee. Lifesaving is the only sport in which skills are first learned for humanitarian purposes and only then applied in competition. Competition does not take priority over saving lives. Competition provides high-profile opportunities to attract new participants to lifesaving programs and to promote public awareness of our drowning prevention aim.



2008 Drowning Report Available

The Saskatchewan statistics for fatal drownings in 2007 is available on our website at

<http://lifesavingsociety.sk.ca/pdf/2008-Drowning-Report.pdf>

NLS Instructor Course

December 6&7

Location: Moose Jaw

For more information

or to register call 780-9255.

Important information for NLS and Lifesaving Instructors

A new definition of drowning was adopted by the 2002 World Congress on Drowning and subsequently by the World Health Organization. Specifically: Drowning is the process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion / immersion in liquid.

Outcomes of drowning may be: death, morbidity, or no morbidity. In other words, a person may die from drowning; be injured by a drowning episode; or escape from drowning through rescue or other means.



Upcoming Courses

Aquatic Emergency Care

Dec 12-14	City of Regina	777-7529
Mar 6-8	City of Regina	777-7529

Aquatic Emergency Care Recert

National Lifeguard Service

Dec 27-30	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Jan 10-Mar 14	City of Regina	777-7529
Jan 24-Feb 21	City of Regina	777-7529
Jan 31-Feb 8	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Feb 17-20	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Apr 15-18	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Apr 17-26	University of Regina	585-4365

National Lifeguard Recert

Dec 6	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Dec 7	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Dec 20	City of Regina	777-7529
Dec 29	City of Prince Albert	953-4829
Feb 14	City of Regina	777-7529
Mar 1	City of Regina	777-7529
Apr 4	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Apr 5	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Apr 25	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Apr 26	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001

Lifesaving Instructor

Feb 18-22	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001
Feb 16-20	City of Regina	777-7529
Apr 24-May 3	University of Saskatchewan	966-1001

Aquatic Supervisor Training

Mar 10-13	City of Regina	777-7529
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Lifesaving NLS Instructor

Dec 6-7	Moose Jaw	780-9255
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For other courses not listed or for courses in your area please call the Lifesaving Society at 780-9255. We have a daily updated course listing of courses registered with us throughout the province.

City of Weyburn is currently seeking individuals for the following positions

Full Time Lifeguard

Water Safety Instructor

Part Time/Casual Lifeguard

Part Time/Casual Cashier

Wages: Negotiable depending on qualifications and experience

Submit resume to:

poolcoordinator@weyburn.ca

532 5th St, Weyburn, SK S4H 1A1

contact Tina @ 848-3281

*To list courses in the next issue of Lifelines or with the Branch Office
please email information to lifesaving@sasktel.net*