

WOOD BUFFALO SPORTS CONNECTION

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR SPORTS COMMUNITY

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SPORT PASSPORT PROGRAM

Our sport passport program is back and open for registration! With 5 sports organizations ready to provide youth with fun and engaging sessions, you will definitely want to register your child! Open to kids 6-8 years old and 9-11 years old. Sessions starting Sunday, September 15th! [Head to our website to register and for more information.](#)



WELCOME, CHRISTINA!

The Wood Buffalo Sport Connection is thrilled to announce our new Sports Strategist, Christina Baker, to our team! Coming to us from the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism team, her experience as the Sport and Event Program Manager will be a huge asset in helping us achieve our mission.





2024 MULTI-SPORT AWARDS BANQUET

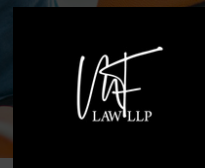
Our second Multi-Sport Awards Banquet in partnership with the Wood Buffalo Sport Hall of Fame is on **October 5th, 2024!** Nominations are now open until the end of August [nominate](#) your sports superstar today.

Stay tuned for some EXCITING announcements for the MSAB 2024.



GIRLS WITH GRIT SPORT SUMMIT

Thank you to our major sponsors for supporting us!



REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!!

September 14 and 15, 2024

9:00am-4:00pm

MacDonald Island Park

The Girls with Grit Sport Summit is a two day event for young girls aged 9-13 to increase their confidence, competence and love for sport. The summit will feature a variety of sessions with local sport organizations, team building activities and education geared towards healthy body and minds. Thanks to funding provided by KidSport, the Summit is being offered at no cost for all members of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Check our website for more details and updates!





SPORT INTER AGENCY ROUND TABLE

A new initiative held quarterly, the Sport Inter-Agency meetings will serve as an opportunity for Sport organizations to gather to provide updates and successes, share resources, discuss common challenges and network! If you're interested in attending please send a message to Karly at manager@wbsportconnection.com an email.

ON AND OFF ICE STAFF NEEDED

Oilers Hockey School

Oilers Hockey School is looking for on and off-ice staff to work during their Hockey School being held Monday, August 19 – Friday, August 23 at MacDonald Island Park. The week consists of multiple activities, with special guests and unique presentations. They are looking for teenagers or adults who are interested in working with youth between the ages of 7 – 14. All positions are paid, with staff receiving exclusive Hockey School apparel and lunch each day. Skating experience is not required for off-ice positions.

Contact: christina@wbsportconnection.com



Photo from: <https://www.nhl.com/oilers/community/hockey-school>

Sport Announcers

Neville Video Productions is looking for energetic, outgoing team players to be on the mic!

Training will be provided so no experience is necessary.

Contact: nevillevideoproductions@outlook.com
780-714-1960



ParticipACTION Results

In June ParticipACTION ran their annual Community Challenge. While our region did not make the final list for a chance to win \$100,000 towards sport and recreation initiatives, we were proud to see so many individuals commit to participating in physical activity. Our very own Hangingstone Climbing Company also snagged themselves an organization prize for their efforts!



Community Registration Day

Fort McMurray Dance Association invites you to attend Community Registration Day on **August 29, 2024 from 4-8pm** at MacDonald Island Park Curling Rink. This event is an opportunity for local non-profits to share program offerings and showcase success. It is free to register a booth, and free for the public to attend. A dance consignment sale will also be available for affordable dancewear and a post event networking opportunity hosted by FUSE social! Contact Fort McMurray Dance Association to secure your spot at fortmacdance@gmail.com



CELEBRATING OUR SPORTS COMMUNITY

CHEERING FOR CHEER!

Northern Cheerleading All Stars sent 3 teams, 41 athletes, to compete at the largest stage for cheerleading at the Orlando World Championships in April. We are so proud of the Ice Queens in bringing home a silver medal and earning the title of **SECOND PLACE IN THE WORLD!** What a remarkable achievement! Congratulations!!!



Photo from Northern Cheerleading All Stars Facebook Post

LOCAL ATHLETES SHINE AT THE CANADA CUP! 🏆

Congratulations to Ethian Mayuk, Ethan Pittman, Michael Szpak, Miguel Tetreault, and their teammates who will be representing Team Alberta at the Canada Cup, August 7 to 11, in Fort McMurray!

Local talent will be on full display as they compete. Let's go Bighorns! 🏆

SHOUTOUT



Former Nortfort Gymnastics athlete Avalee has been recruited by Long Island University to continue her athletic and academic journey as a Shark! Way to go Avalee!



Photo from Fort McMurray Ski Team's Facebook

FORT MCMURRAY SKI TEAM

Even though it's summer, winter sports organizations are already looking forward to their next season!

"We are a local alpine ski race team. We compete all over Northern Alberta, in the Alberta Winter Games and the Arctic Winter Games. Children from the ages of 6 to 18 years old can participate and learn two types of downhill ski racing: slalom and grand slalom. Even though our season is over we will have a try team day in the upcoming season. Skiers must be able to ride the chair lift on their own and have control skiing. For more information please take a look at our [website](#)."

- Mitzi Brydges,

SHOUTOUT



Teegan Wanner Shines at Canadian National Championships

Teegan represented Team Alberta at the Canadian National Championships in Quebec.

Her dedication and skill led her to qualify in first place for Event Finals on the Uneven Bars, and she secured a bronze medal on the last day of the competition!

Join us in congratulating Teegan on her fantastic accomplishment!

UPCOMING EVENTS

KidSport Fam Expo

July 28, 2024 10am-5pm Shell Place Grande Ballroom
 Tickets required-visit kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/wood-buffalo

Thunder Beach Volleyball - Youth Development Training

Sundays at the Snye visit www.fortmcmurraythunder.ca

Keyano College Athletics Golf Tournament

August 23, 2024 11:00am-9:00pm
 Fort McMurray Golf Club
<https://www.keyano.ca/en/support-keyano/golf-classic.aspx>

ETK Hockey Conditioning Camp

August 12-August 16
 U13: 6:00-7:00pm
 U15 7:15-8:15pm
 U17/U18/JR 8:30-9:30pm
 Register at etkhockey.ca

Hangstone Climbing Company Summer Training Camp

Open to youth ages 6-12
www.hangs.ca

Macdonald Island 3x3 Basketball Tournament

July 20 and 21
macdonaldisland.ca/programs

Justin Slade Youth Foundation - 3x3 basketball tournament

July 26th
 E-mail: communications@jsyf.ca

Wood Buffalo Junior Open

July 21, 2024
 Miskanaw Golf Course
 Register: www.miskanaw.ca/tournaments

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FACEOFF ON THE FAIRWAY JOIN US!

1st ANNUAL JR. OIL BARONS GOLF TOURNAMENT
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2024
 FORT McMURRAY GOLF COURSE

Come dressed as your most iconic hockey figures or teams for a chance to win Best Dressed!

12:00 PM SHOT GUN START TIME

The tournament will be followed by dinner, door prizes, silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle draw.

- Registration opens at 10:30 AM
- Register 2 golfers for \$500+GST or a team of 4 for \$1000+GST
- Registration includes:
 - Round of golf (18 holes)
 - Steak dinner
 - Door prizes
 - Live entertainment
 - Welcome Bag

Fall PROGRAMMING
 NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

2024 Fall Recreation Session Registration

SAVE THE DATE
 AUGUST 7, 2024

Class information will be available online the Friday prior to registration
 Norfort Gymnastics, Cheerleading & Trampoline

RINGETTE

SEASON COACHES

FMRA ARE SEEKING

- HEAD COACHES
- ASSISTANT COACHES
- ON-ICE ASSISTANTS
- JUNIOR COACHES

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