

WOOD BUFFALO SPORTS CONNECTION

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR SPORTS COMMUNITY

DEC. 2024, ISSUE 8



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ED

As we approach the end of an incredible year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have accomplished together. 2024 has been a year filled with exciting programs, new partnerships, and inspiring moments that have brought our community closer through sport. From the success of our Sport Passport Program, the engaging Community Beyond Sport event, the Multi Sport Awards Banquet, and the empowering Girls with Grit Sport Summit, it has been a year to remember. I am incredibly proud of the work we've done to provide accessible, inclusive, and diverse opportunities for not only athletes but also coaches, officials, sport administrators, volunteers, and all those who make sport thrive. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our community, sport organizations, and supporters. Each of you has played a vital role in helping us create a more connected and vibrant community through sport. 2024 has been just the beginning, and we are excited for what lies ahead. We are committed to building on this momentum and continuing to support our region in becoming a premier leader for sport. The best is yet to come, and we can't wait to share it with you all! On behalf of our entire team, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and well-deserved rest. We look forward to continuing this journey together in 2025!

Warmest wishes,

Karly Anderson

Executive Director

Wood Buffalo Sport Connection

WBSC HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

On Friday, December 13, we celebrated 2024 with our community's sport organizations at Drum Brewing. It was a wonderful night of getting to know one another and taking in the holiday spirit!

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us.



PROGRAM AND EVENT UPDATES

UPCOMING SPORT HOSTING

Get ready for some amazing competitions coming to our community!

Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics Provincials - April 9-13

Ringette Provincials - March 21-23

- u14A Division
- u19b Division

High School ASAA 3A Boys Basketball Provincial Championship - March 20-22

Robotics Provincials - Feb 21-23

For more details, visit our website:

<https://sportwoodbuffalo.com/sport-attractions/>

NEWCOMER COMMUNITY SPORT TOUR

WBSC is excited to partner with Keyano College Student Association for our first Newcomer Community Sport Tour! Join us for a day of exploring local sport facilities, meeting sport organizations, and learning about programs. To get involved, email Karly at manager@wbsportconnection.com

VISTA RIDGE SEASON SCHEDULE
Head to their [website](#) for more information.

DECEMBER 2024							JANUARY 2025								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1	2	3	4	5	10-4	6	7					1	2	3	4
10-4	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	10-4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10-4	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	10-4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
29	30	31					10-4	26	27	28	10-4	29	30	31	
10-4	10-4	10-4					10-4				10-4	10-4	10-8	10-8	

FEBRUARY 2025							MARCH 2025								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
						1							1		
10-4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10-4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10-4	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10-4	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	10-4	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
10-8	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-8	10-8	10-4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
23	24	25	26	27	28		10-4	30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	
10-4	10-4	10-4	10-8	10-4	10-8		10-4				11-7	11-7	Shrek Cup		

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Youth Sport Passport:

The Winter Sport Passport program will run Sundays from 1:00-1:45 for 6-8 year old's and 2:00pm-3:00pm for 9-11 year old's from Feb 2-April 13 (no sessions February 16, 23 and March 2.)

Registration will open soon at

<https://sportwoodbuffalo.com/passport-program/>

Women Sport Passport:

We are very excited for the launch of this new program that will run Fridays from 6-7pm January 24-March 28 (no sessions Jan 31, Feb 21, Feb 28, March 14)

This will be a multi-sport program that will allow women the chance to participate in sport, and also provide the opportunity if they have kids for their kids to participate in physical literacy games at the same time so childcare is no longer a barrier!

Registration will open soon at

<https://sportwoodbuffalo.com/women-in-sport-program/>

Passport to Wellness

Registration is now open for our new Passport to Wellness program in partnership with St.Aidan's Society. The program runs January 13-March 10 for seniors age 55+ to have an opportunity to try different activities, have fun and win prizes! Did we mention you also get a Passport to Wellness t-shirt?!

Register now at

<https://sportwoodbuffalo.com/passporttowellness/>

Questions? Email christina@wbsportconnection.com



SPORT ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

NORTHERN LIGHTS CORNHOLE

BY JOHN EVANS NLCC PRESIDENT

The Northern Lights Cornhole Club (NLCC) is a cornhole club that has been operating in Fort McMurray, Alberta since September 2022. Our goal is for all players and members to have fun and experience a good balance of social activity and friendly competition.

We offer Social and Competitive league play for all levels of skill and facilitate fun, tournament-style Team building, and other Special Events for organizations in our community. NLCC is a registered non-profit in the province of Alberta, and a member of the Alberta Cornhole Association, and Cornhole Canada. Cornhole Canada is the official governing and sanctioning body for our sport in Canada and provide athletes a structured environment for all levels of play. Find out more at www.cornholecanada.ca

LEAGUE OVERVIEW

The Northern Lights Cornhole League operates 3 seasons per year. Each season is 9-10 weeks long.

- Fall - September-November 2024
- Winter - December 2024-February 2025
- Spring - March-May 2025

WHERE

Boys and Girls Club of Fort McMurray, 20 Riedel Street, Fort McMurray

FORMAT

- Random-Team, Round-Robin with bracket in two divisions: Social and Competitive
 - All Participants register as Single players
 - Modes of play can vary weekly amongst Random RR, Set Teams, Blind Draws, Singles, etc.
- Both divisions are considered Co-Ed or "Open" divisions at this time
- Boards, scoreboards, and bags will be provided.

HOW MUCH

Drop-In Fee: \$15/night

Full Season: \$90 per player for full season (including playoffs)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: info@nltscornhole.ca

Phone: 780-531-1456

[Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)



Photos from NLCC Facebook.

SPORT COMMUNITY NEWS

FORT MAC SCUBA

Divescapes: October 18 & 19, 2024 in Calgary

Recently, members of Wet and Wild Diving Society had the pleasure of attending the Divescapes conference hosted by the Alberta Underwater Council. "We were thoroughly impressed by the lineup of international speakers and presenters", said David Storey, board member with Wet and Wild Diving. The biannual conference offers a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of scuba diving, from dive-related workshops to trade show booths featuring local dive shops, equipment vendors, and dive vacation travel agencies. The event was a fantastic opportunity to network with industry professionals, learn about the latest advancements in scuba diving, and support a great cause.

To find out more about Wet and Wild Diving Society or the Alberta Underwater Council, visit their [website](#), [Facebook Page](#) or email: fortmacscuba@gmail.com, info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com



HUSKIES CAMP

Want your child to get some extra practice over the Holiday break?! It's not too late to sign up!

The Keyano Huskies Women's Basketball team will be hosting a one-day camp on Sunday, December 22 at the Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre with two separate sessions:

Grades 4-8: 9am-12pm
Grades 9-12: 1pm-4pm

The cost for each entrant is \$50 and registration must be done through the provided links below:

[Grades 4-8](#)
[Grades 9-12](#)

KEYANO HUSKIES
JUNIOR HUSKIES BASKETBALL CAMP
DECEMBER 22
GRADES 4-8
9AM-12PM
\$50/PERSON
CO-ED
REGISTER:

KEYANO HUSKIES
JUNIOR HUSKIES BASKETBALL CAMP
DECEMBER 22
GRADES 9-12
1PM-4PM
\$50/PERSON
CO-ED
REGISTER: