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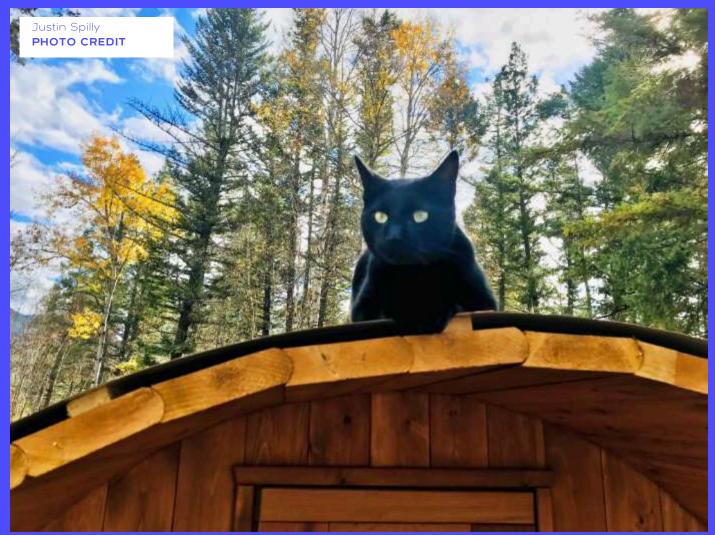
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July brings with it a plethora of exciting events and activities to enjoy in our vibrant community. Whether you're drawn to the bustling farmers markets brimming with fresh produce and local crafts, the soul-stirring melodies of live music under the stars, or the enchanting allure of outdoor movies under the moonlit sky, there's something for everyone to relish this season.

Amidst all the hustle and bustle, we encourage you to seize every opportunity to immerse yourself in these joyful experiences. Embrace the warmth of the sun as you explore our beautiful valley and partake in the festivities that make our community shine. However, as temperatures rise, it's crucial to prioritize your well-being. Stay hydrated, seek shade when needed, and remember to apply sunscreen to safeguard yourself from the summer sun's embrace.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed their unique perspectives and stories to enrich our publication. Your submissions continue to inspire and educate our readers, fostering a sense of unity and connection within our community.

To our loyal readers, thank you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Your engagement fuels our commitment to delivering content that resonates and uplifts. We invite you to keep sharing your voices, ideas, and stories with us. Your contributions are invaluable in shaping the diverse tapestry of the Valley Voices.

As July unfolds with its promise of warmth and wonder, let's make the most of this vibrant season together. Whether you're exploring new adventures or savoring cherished traditions, may each moment be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished memories.

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Into The Dust MY ADVENTURE AS A FIRST-TIME VOLUNTEER AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RALLY

The alarm buzzes. It's 5 a.m., and my day as a volunteer at the Rocky Mountain Rally (RMR) is about to begin.



Groggy but excited, I spring out of bed, pull on my gear, and head out toward the crisp morning air of Invermere for our group meeting. The town is still asleep, but I can feel the energy building. Today marks the opening day of one of the most thrilling events in the rally racing calendar, and I'm about to be a part of it.

The Rocky Mountain Rally, which ran the weekend of June 1st and 2nd, is celebrating its 12th year in Invermere and its 51st year overall. This legendary event kicked off in 1973 in Alberta, but as the cars began to push the province's 130 km speed limit, the organizers found a new home in the scenic and challenging terrains of Invermere.

briefing, At the morning the buzzing with atmosphere is anticipation. Upwards of 100 volunteers have gathered, ready to ensure the smooth running of the rally. gather We receive instructions, supplies, and set off to our scheduled stages. Some volunteers are stationed at road closure sites, others as spectator marshals, and a large majority, myself included, are assigned as time control marshals at the start/ finish line. Our mission is to keep the event running like a well-oiled machine.

The drive to our post is an adventure in itself. We weave through the dense forest, the early morning light filtering through the trees, casting a mystical glow over the rugged terrain. The road is a mix of dirt, rocks, potholes, and gravel, winding through the heart of the wilderness. It's easy to see why this location was chosen; the challenging landscape promises an exhilarating drive for the racers.

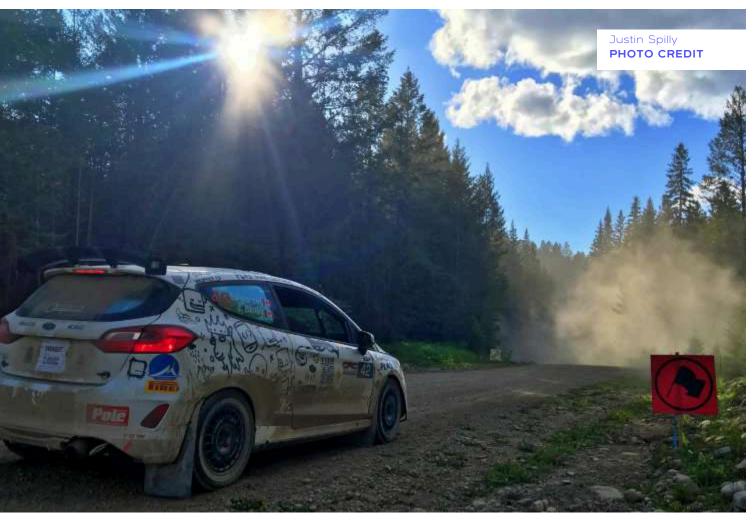
When we reach our stage, the sun is climbing, and the day's heat is building. The air is thick with anticipation and the scent of pine. We set up our station, ensuring everything was in place for the long day ahead. My job as a time control marshal is simple but vital: accurately recording each car's start and finish times. The role offers the best seat in the house for the action.

As the first cars roar to life, the stillness of the forest is shattered by the thunderous growl of engines. Dust clouds rise in their wake, adding to the intensity of the moment. Each car, a marvel of engineering and driver skill, tackles the course with a ferocity that leaves me in awe. The drivers, cocooned in their high-tech machines, are battling not each other but the clock and the unforgiving terrain.

One of the most striking aspects of rally racing is the camaraderie among the participants. Unlike other forms of racing where competitors are often at each other's throats, rally racers share a bond in these challenging conditions. In the service park, between stages, drivers and their teams offer each other support, advice, and even spare parts. It's a community built on mutual respect and shared passion.

As a volunteer, I'm quickly welcomed into this close-knit family. Fellow volunteers swap stories of past rallies, sharing tips and laughter. The amateur radio operators, the unsung heroes of the rally, keep us all connected and ensure the event runs dedication smoothly. Their and expertise are critical, and their calm over the radio voices provide reassurance as the day continues.



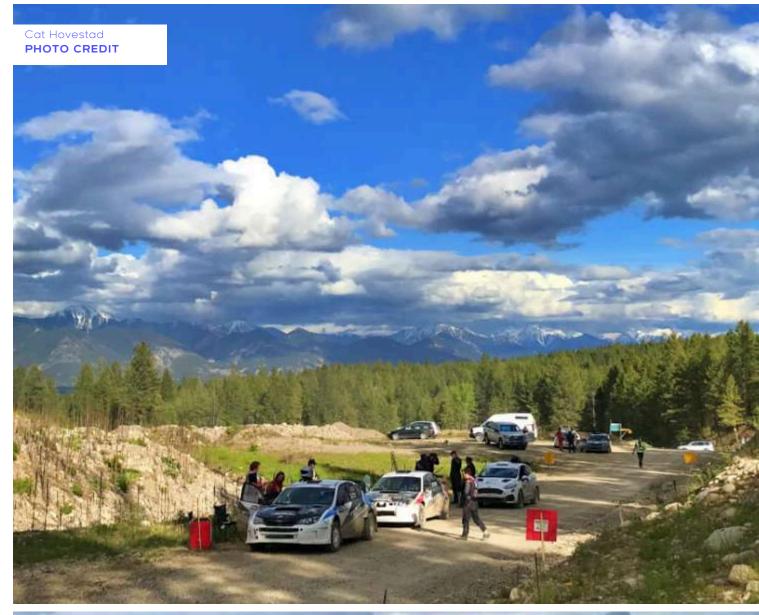


Day one draws to a close after twelve hours of dust, dirt, and adrenaline. We bid farewell, knowing we'll do it all again tomorrow. Exhausted but exhilarated, I can't help but marvel at the day's events. The RMR is more than just a race; it's a testament to human endurance, engineering prowess, and the unbreakable spirit of community.

As I lay down to rest, my thoughts drift to the racers, now preparing for another gruelling day, and my fellow volunteers, who will once again rise before dawn to support this incredible event. The RMR has given me an unforgettable experience that has deepened my appreciation for the sport and the people who make it possible.

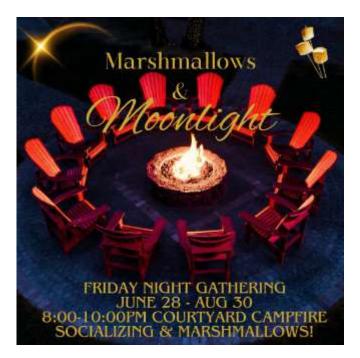
For anyone who loves cars, racing, and the thrill of the unknown, volunteering at a rally is an opportunity not to be missed. It's a chance to step off the beaten path, to be a part of something bigger, and to forge memories that will last a lifetime. As I drift off to sleep, I can already hear the engines revving for tomorrow's adventure, and I can't wait to get back into the dust and excitement.

If you're looking for a weekend filled with heart-pounding action, new friendships, and a front-row seat to one of the most exciting sports on earth, consider volunteering at the next Rocky Mountain Rally. You won't regret it.













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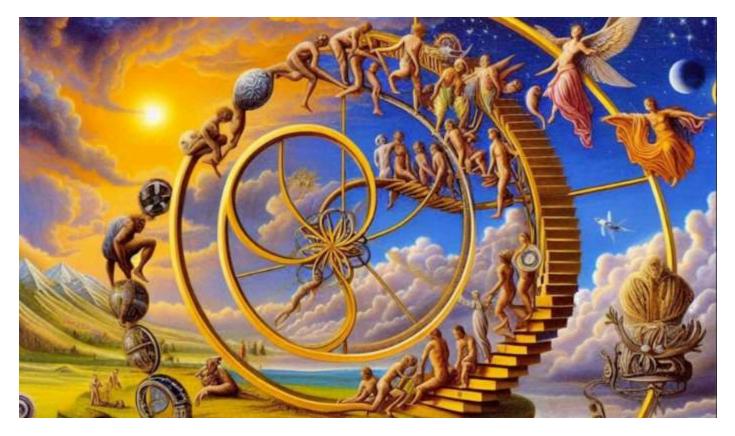
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Are You Awake?

Have you ever felt like life is just one big, repetitive loop? It seems like everything around us goes through the same cycles over and over again. From how we live our lives to the cultural trends we follow, a sense of déjà vu saturates our existence. But have you ever stopped to wonder why this is? What's the purpose of all this repetition?

Life is inherently cyclical, an endless loop of existence. We see it everywhere in nature: the changing seasons, the lifecycle of plants and animals, and even our own daily experiences. Birth, growth, decay, and rebirth are the natural order of things. This cycle isn't just limited to biology; it also extends to our culture and society.

Take a look at movies and music today. How often have you seen a "new" film that is a remake of an older one? Songs are frequently covered, remixed, and re-released. Records and record players have made a massive comeback; even fashion trends resurrect every few decades. What was once old becomes new again. Each generation believes it is original, yet it often unknowingly mirrors the past. The modern hustle and bustle of life can feel like a relentless race. We are constantly busy making a living, paying bills, planning vacations, and acquiring more possessions. We accumulate possessions until we have too many, then pass them on, sell them, or lose them. This cycle of accumulation and disposal raises an important question: What is the point of all this?

We spend so much time rushing from one place to another, rarely stopping to ask why. We're so consumed with this scurrying and hurrying that we often neglect the deeper questions. Why are we here? Where did we come from? What is our purpose, and where are we going after? The search for purpose and these fundamental questions have puzzled humanity for centuries. Yet, in today's life, not many contemplate these mysteries. Socrates (Greek philosopher, 470 - 399 BC) famously said, "The unexamined life is not worth living." This statement advises us to reflect on our existence to question our routines and the meaning behind our actions. Are we just going through the motions, living day to day without any real sense of purpose?

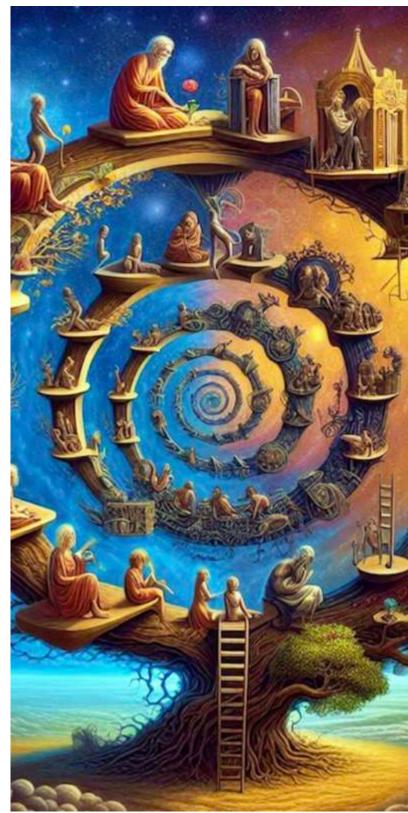
The idea of living in an endless cycle can feel frustrating. Some suggest that our reality might be a simulation, a concept popularized by freethinkers, philosophers and scientists alike. Others believe everything is made up of vibration, where our reality is shaped by the frequencies and energies we emit and receive. Most people, however, never challenge any of it, content to accept things as they are. Is this reality, though, worth questioning?

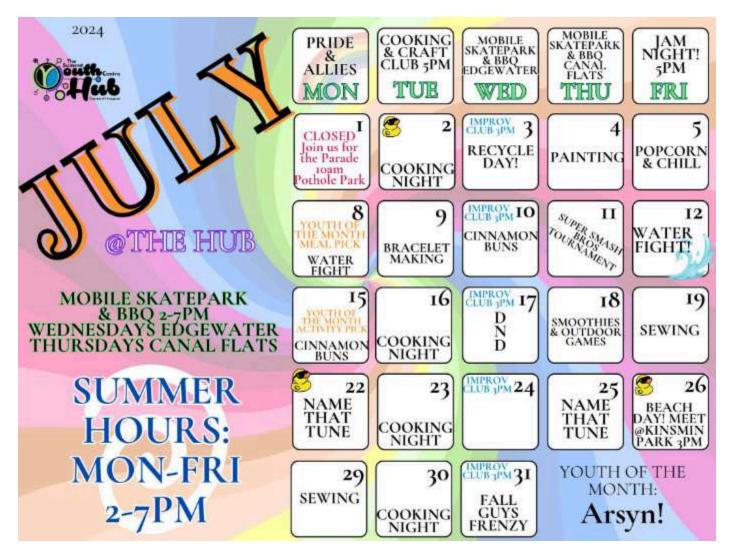
So, how do we break free from this cycle? A good starting point is through introspection. Examining our beliefs, habits, and goals can help us make more conscious choices. Living authentically and aligning our actions with our true values and desires can bring greater fulfillment. Connecting with others, special relationships, hobbies, and community can provide a sense of purpose and belonging.

Being present and mindful in our daily lives allows us to appreciate the moment and make more deliberate decisions. It's about finding joy in the simple things and not always rushing to the next big thing. By slowing down, we can break the cycle of mindless busyness and start living more intentionally rather than reactively.

Life's cyclical nature is both a challenge and an opportunity. While it's easy to get caught up in the repetition, we have the power to break free and live more consciously. By examining our lives, questioning our reality, striving for authenticity, and occasionally stepping off the beaten track, we can create a life rich with purpose and meaning.

The next time you feel trapped in the sameness of your daily routine, take a moment to pause and reflect. Ask yourself: Are you simply going through the motions, or are you fully awake and engaged with your life? Recognize that the power to choose how you live is entirely in your hands.







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Celebrate Anti-Boredom Month: Ways to Fight the Boredom Bug

July is more than just the height of summer; it's also Anti-Boredom Month—a perfect time to break free from monotony and infuse life with excitement.

Whether you're lounging at home or exploring the great outdoors, here are several engaging activities to stave off boredom and make the most of this vibrant season.

Explore Nature's Bounty: Take advantage of the sunny days by immersing yourself in nature. Embark on a hiking trail, visit a nearby beach or lake for a refreshing swim, or simply have a picnic in a local park. Connecting with nature not only rejuvenates the spirit but also provides endless opportunities for adventure.

Try New Recipes: Use your culinary skills to whip up delicious dishes. Experiment with seasonal fruits and vegetables to create refreshing salads, smoothies, or homemade ice creams. Cooking can be a therapeutic and rewarding way to spend your time, plus you get to enjoy the delightful results.

Engage in Creative Pursuits: Unleash your artistic side by picking up a paintbrush, sketching pad, or camera. Whether you're capturing stunning landscapes, painting vibrant abstracts, or crafting DIY home decor, creative activities can spark inspiration and provide a fulfilling outlet for selfexpression.

Learn Something New: Challenge

yourself to acquire new knowledge or skills. Dive into a captivating book, enroll in an online course, or explore podcasts on topics that intrigue you. Cultivating intellectual curiosity not only broadens your horizons but also keeps your mind engaged and sharp.

Connect with Loved Ones: Strengthen your bonds with family and friends through meaningful interactions. Organize a game night, host a virtual hangout, or plan a weekend getaway together. Sharing laughter, stories, and experiences fosters a sense of connection and joy.

Volunteer or Give Back: Make a positive impact in your community by volunteering your time or resources to a cause you care about. Whether it's organizing a neighborhood cleanup, helping at a local food bank, or supporting a community event, contributing to the greater good can be immensely rewarding.

This Anti-Boredom Month, embrace the opportunity to break away from routine and infuse your days with excitement and fulfillment. By exploring new interests, connecting with others, and immersing yourself in enriching experiences, you can banish boredom and create lasting memories during this vibrant season of summer.



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WATERMELON MARGARITA SHOT

Ingredients:

- 1 oz silver tequila
 2 1 oz watermelon schnapps
- 3. 1/2 oz triple sec
- 4. Fresh lime juice
- 5. Salt (for rimming, optional)

Instructions:

- 1. Rim a shot glass with salt (optional).
- 2. In a shaker, combine tequila, watermelon schnapps, triple sec, and a splash of fresh lime iuice.
- 3. Shake well with ice and strain into the prepared shot glass.
- 4. Garnish with a small watermelon wedge or lime wheel.

PALOMA SHOT

Ingredients:

- 1 oz silver tequila
 1/2 oz grapefruit juice
- <u>3. 1/2 oz lime juice</u>
- 4. Pinch of salt
- 5. Club soda

Instructions:

- 1. Combine tequila, grapefruit juice, lime juice, and a pinch of salt in a shaker with ice.
- 2. Shake well and strain into a shot glass. 3. Top with a splash of club soda. 4. Garnish with a grapefruit or lime
- wedge.



FIRECRACKER SHOT

Ingredients:

- 1 oz vodka
 1/2 oz blue curaçao
- 3. 1/2 oz grenadine

PEACH FIZZ SHOT

Ingredients:

- 1. 1 oz peach schnapps
 2. 1/2 oz vodka
 3. 1/2 oz lemon juice

- 4. Club soda

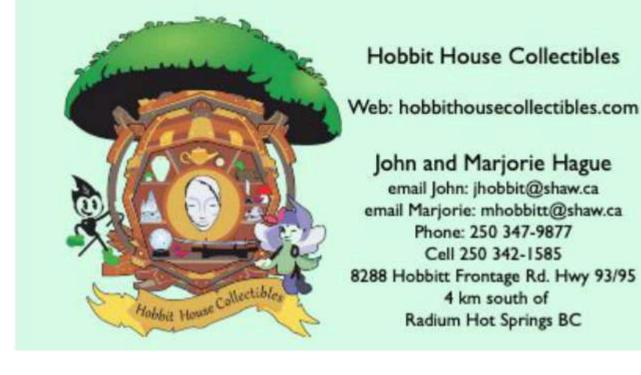
Instructions:

- 1. Fill a shot glass halfway with vodka.
- 2. Slowly pour blue curação over the back of a spoon to layer it on top of the vodka.
- 3. Repeat the process with grenadine, layering it on top of the blue curaçao.
- 4. The layer's should create a red, white, and blue effect resembling a firecracker.

Instructions:

- 1. Fill a shot glass with peach schnapps and vodka.
- 2. Add lemon juice and stir gently.
- 3. Top with a splash of club soda for a fizzy finish.
- 4. Garnish with a slice of peach or lemon twist.





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As summer rolls in, boating enthusiasts eagerly anticipate the chance to enjoy the open waters.

However, it's crucial to remember that safety should always come first. Understanding and following boating safety rules can ensure a fun and incident-free experience for everyone on board. In this comprehensive guide, we will explore the essential boating safety rules and regulations, especially tailored for summer activities.

The Importance of Boating Safety Rules

Boating safety rules are designed to protect everyone on the water. They help prevent accidents, reduce the risk of injury, and ensure that boating remains a safe and enjoyable activity. Following these rules is not just about compliance; it's about safeguarding lives and preserving the beauty of our waterways. Key Boating Safety Rules

1. Wear a Life Jacket

Every person on board should wear a life jacket at all times. Life jackets are the most important piece of safety equipment on a boat. They can save lives by keeping individuals afloat if they fall overboard or in the event of a capsizing.

2. Understand and Follow Navigation Rules

Boating has its own set of "rules of the road" known as navigation rules. These guidelines dictate how vessels should interact on the water, including who has the right of way, how to overtake another vessel, and how to navigate in crowded areas.

3. Avoid Alcohol Consumption

Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol is illegal and extremely dangerous. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance, and reaction times, increasing the risk of accidents. Boating under the influence (BUI) can lead to severe penalties, including fines and imprisonment.

4. Check Weather Conditions

Always check the weather forecast before heading out. Sudden storms can turn a pleasant day on the water into a hazardous situation. If the weather looks questionable, it's best to stay onshore.

5. Perform Regular Safety Checks Ensure your boat is in good working condition. Check the engine, fuel levels, batteries, and safety equipment before every trip. Having a wellmaintained boat reduces the likelihood of mechanical failures on the water.

6. Carry Essential Safety Equipment Equip your boat with necessary safety gear such as fire extinguishers, flares, first aid kits, and a VHF radio. These items can be crucial in an emergency situation.

7. Take a Boating Safety Course Enroll in a boating safety course to learn the fundamentals of boating safety, navigation, and emergency procedures. Many states and provinces require boat operators to have completed a safety course.

Boating Safety Regulations

Boating safety regulations vary by location, but there are common requirements that apply universally. These regulations are enforced to ensure that all boaters adhere to safety standards.

Licensing and Registration

In most places, boaters must register their vessels and obtain a boating license. The requirements for registration and licensing can vary, so it's important to check with local authorities.

Age Restrictions

Many regions have age restrictions for operating different types of boats. Younger operators may need to be accompanied by an adult or have completed a boating safety course.

Mandatory Equipment

Boats must be equipped with specific safety gear. This includes life jackets for all passengers, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices (like a horn or whistle), visual distress signals (flares), and navigation lights.

Environmental Regulations

Boat operators must adhere to environmental regulations to protect water quality and marine life. This includes proper disposal of waste, fuel management, and avoiding damage to sensitive areas like coral reefs and wetlands.



Summer Boating Safety Tips

Summer is a popular time for boating, but it also comes with unique challenges. Here are some additional tips to keep in mind during the summer months:

1. Stay Hydrated and Sun-Protected Dehydration and sunburn are common issues during summer boating trips. Drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen, and use protective clothing like hats and sunglasses.

2. Be Mindful of Crowded Waters Summer often means busier waterways. Be extra cautious in crowded areas and maintain a safe distance from other boats, swimmers, and watercraft.

3. Avoid Overloading the Boat

Boats have weight limits for a reason. Overloading can affect the boat's stability and increase the risk of capsizing. Distribute weight evenly and do not exceed the recommended capacity.

4. Watch for Swimmers and Water Sports Enthusiasts

Stay vigilant for people swimming or engaging in water sports. Slow down in areas where these activities are common and keep a lookout for anyone in the water.

5. Practice Good Etiquette

Be courteous to other boaters. Avoid creating excessive wake in no-wake zones, respect fishing areas, and follow all posted signs and markers.

Emergency Preparedness

Even with the best preparation, emergencies can still happen. Being ready to handle emergencies can make a significant difference in outcomes.

Man Overboard

If someone falls overboard, immediately throw a life buoy or floatation device. Turn the boat around carefully and approach the person from downwind. Use a boat hook or reach to assist them back on board.

Engine Failure

If your engine fails, drop anchor to prevent drifting. Use your VHF radio to call for assistance and signal nearby boats using visual distress signals.

Fire Onboard

In case of a fire, alert everyone on board and move them away from the fire source. Use a fire extinguisher to tackle the flames and call for help using your VHF radio.

Boating is a delightful way to enjoy but comes with summer, it responsibilities. By following boating and safety rules adhering to regulations, you can ensure a safe and enjoyable experience on the water. Remember, safety is everyone's Whether responsibility. you're а seasoned boater or a newcomer, prioritizing safety will help you make the most of your time on the water.



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Exploring the Natural Gems: Provincial Parks in and Around Columbia Valley, BC

As National Parks and Recreation Month unfolds, there's no better time to delve into the breathtaking beauty of Columbia Valley's provincial parks.

Nestled amidst the Canadian Rockies and renowned for their diverse landscapes and recreational opportunities, these parks offer something for every nature enthusiast. Here's a guide to some of the must-visit provincial parks in the area:

1. Kootenay National Park

Located just north of Columbia Valley, Kootenay National Park boasts rugged mountain peaks, serene hot springs, and pristine forests. Hiking trails like the Stanley Glacier Trail and the Paint Pots offer stunning vistas and glimpses of wildlife.

2. Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park

Often referred to as "The Matterhorn of the Rockies," Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park is a paradise for hikers and backpackers. Accessible via helicopter or a multi-day hike, it features alpine meadows, turquoise lakes, and the iconic Mount Assiniboine.

3. Bugaboo Provincial Park

Known for its dramatic granite spires and world-class rock climbing, Bugaboo Provincial Park is a haven for adventure seekers. Even if you're not scaling the peaks, the Conrad Kain Hut offers breathtaking views of the Bugaboo Glacier.

4. Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park

For those seeking solitude and pristine wilderness, Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park is an ideal destination. It spans over 200,000 hectares of untouched landscapes, including old-growth forests and alpine meadows.

5. Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park

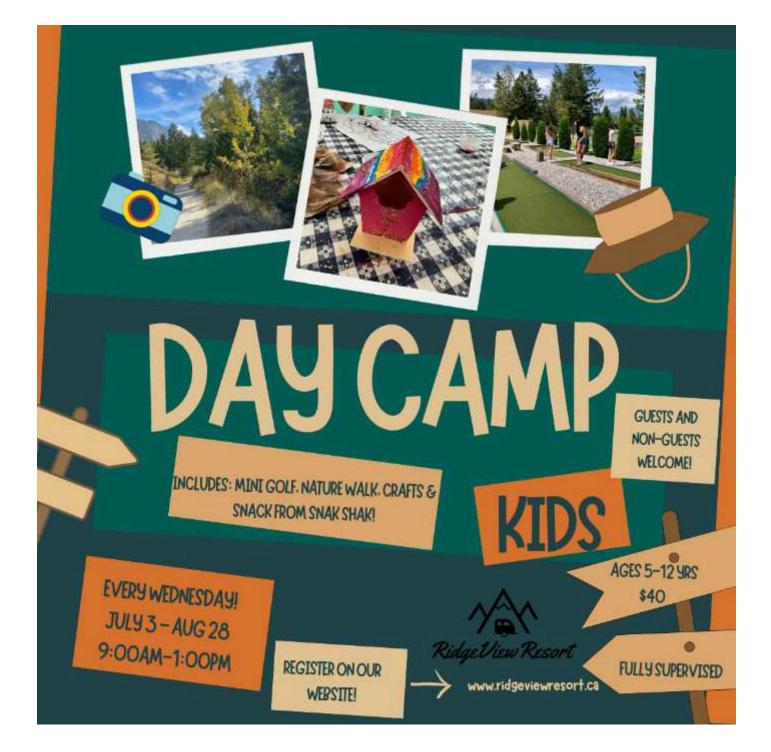
Situated in the heart of the Purcell Mountains, Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park is perfect for camping, fishing, and boating enthusiasts. The park's clear waters and picturesque surroundings make it a popular spot for family outings.

Tips for Visitors:

- Check local park regulations and fire restrictions before visiting.
- Respect wildlife and leave no trace to preserve these natural habitats.
- Carry essentials like water, sunscreen, and insect repellent for a safe and enjoyable experience.

This National Parks and Recreation Month, immerse yourself in the wonders of Columbia Valley's provincial parks. Whether you're hiking through ancient forests, lounging by pristine lakes, or marveling at majestic peaks, these parks promise unforgettable outdoor adventures for all ages. THE DISTRICT OF INVERMERE PRESENTS





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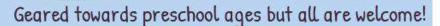
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Supporting Community Enrichment



Friends of the Radium Public Library

Located in Radium Hot Springs, the Friends of the Radium Public Library exemplify dedication and passion for fostering literacy and community engagement.

As a registered charitable organization, this volunteer-driven group plays a pivotal role in enhancing the library's programs and services, ensuring they cater to the diverse needs of local residents.

Community-Oriented Initiatives

The Friends of the Radium Public Library are not just volunteers; they are advocates for knowledge and supporters of cultural enrichment. Throughout the year, they diligently organize and host various fundraising events. These efforts are not solely aimed at financial support but also at creating a vibrant atmosphere where the library thrives as a hub of learning and discovery.

Strategic Partnership for Growth

At the onset of each year, the Friends collaborate closely with Radium Library staff to align their fundraising endeavors with the library's strategic initiatives. This partnership ensures that funds raised are channeled effectively towards enhancing library programs, services, and addressing specific needs identified by the library itself. Moreover, a portion of the annual funds contributes to the RHSPL Endowment Fund, ensuring long-term sustainability and growth.

Get Involved

Whether through volunteering time or participating in fundraising activities, community members have ample opportunities to support the Friends of the Radium Public Library. By contributing to these initiatives, individuals not only bolster the library's capacity but also promote a sense of communal pride and connectivity.

Contact Information

For those inspired to join this noble cause or seek further information, the Friends of the Radium Public Library encourage interested parties to drop by the library or reach out via contact channels provided. Your involvement can make a profound impact on the cultural fabric of our community.

The Friends of the Radium Public Library exemplify the spirit of community stewardship and dedication to knowledge. Through their tireless efforts, they continue to enrich lives and foster a love for learning among residents of Radium Hot Springs and beyond. PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 5 -August 16

READING CLUB 2024



BC Summer Reading Club is a free literacy program that encourages reading throughout the summer and engages children (ages 5-12 years old) with their local public library. (5 year-olds must be finished Kindergarten)

This year we will be offering a weekly dropoff program at the Radium Library that will run for seven weeks beginning July 5th, 2024. Radium SRC Program Schedule

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Fridays

July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Aug 2nd, 9th & 16th

Age 5-8: 10:30am-11:45am Age 9-12: 1:15pm-2:30pm

Registration opens on Tuesday, June 4th at noon!



Register Here!



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EVERY

THURSDAY July 4-August 15

EDGEWATER SUMMER READING CLUB 2024



BC Summer Reading Club is a free literacy program that encourages reading throughout the summer and engages children (ages 5-12 years old) with their local public library. (5 year-olds must be finished Kindergarten)

This year we will be offering a bi-weekly drop-off program at the Edgewater Community Hall Park that will run every other Thursday beginning July 4th, 2024.

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Edgewater SRC Program Schedule

WORLD Of CURIOSITIES

Thursdays

July 4th, 18th, Aug 1st, 15th

Age 5-12: 11:15am-12:30pm

Registration opens on Tuesday, June 4th at noon!



Register Here!

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SHOKING G Gamer's Corner

Uncover

Game Review: Uncover the Smoking Gun

Steam: <u>Buy Here</u> Genres: Indie game, Simulation video game, Casual game, Adventure, Strategy Platform: Microsoft Windows Developer: ReLU Games Publisher: ReLU Games

"Uncover the Smoking Gun" by ReLU Games invites players into a unique detective adventure where artificial intelligence takes center stage in unraveling a murder mystery. Released on Steam with a promising 9/10 rating, this game combines traditional investigative gameplay with Al-generated dialogue, promising a fresh twist to the detective genre.

Immersive Detective Experience

At its core, "Uncover the Smoking Gun" challenges players to solve intricate by murder cases meticulously gathering interrogating evidence, suspects, and piecing together the puzzle of each crime. The game's interactive elements allow players to engage with ChatGPT-powered robot suspects, where dialogue is dynamically generated based on the inquiries. This innovative player's approach offers a novel experience, initial gameplay although clips suggest that Al-generated responses lack the nuance of human-crafted

dialogue, focusing more on functional information than character depth.

AI-Powered Interrogations

The game's use of AI in dialogue simulation is a significant experiment in gaming technology. It allows for open-ended questioning, enabling players to probe suspects with freeform queries like "What were you doing last night?" or "When did you leave?" However, the AI's tendency to generate misleading or nonsensical responses, termed as "system overloads," adds a layer of c

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challenge and unpredictability to the detective work. Developers have ingeniously integrated these inconsistencies into the gameplay, portraying them as deliberate attempts by suspects to mislead the detective, enhancing the game's intrigue and complexity.

Visuals and Soundtrack

While enriches the AI dialogue experience, "Uncover the Smoking Gun" doesn't extend this technology to its artwork or music. The visual style inspiration from dystopian draws classics like "Blade Runner" and "I, Robot," creating a gritty, atmospheric that complements setting the narrative. The soundtrack, composed by clarinet player using а GarageBand, reflects the game's noir aesthetic despite budget constraints.

"Uncover the Smoking Gun" emerges as a bold experiment in blending Al with traditional gaming mechanics. It challenges players with complex mysteries and Al-driven interactions, offering a fresh perspective on detective gameplay. While the Al's dialogue generation occasionally falters, the game compensates with engaging storytelling and immersive detective experiences. For enthusiasts of the genre and those curious about Al's role in gaming, this title promises an intriguing journey into the world of virtual crime-solving.

"Uncover the Smoking Gun" is now available on Steam, with a demo version and the full version dropped June 24.





BC Gov News



Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

Hunting regulations for 2024-26 released

The Province has updated the 2024-2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis to sustainably manage B.C. wildlife, respect First Nations' hunting rights and provide hunters with a diversity of recreational and economic opportunities.

Hunting regulations are reviewed by the Province every two years and amended as necessary. Changes are informed by the best available information on wildlife populations, as well as collaboration and consultations with First Nations and extensive engagement with the public and affected stakeholder groups, including the BC Trappers Association, the Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia and the BC Wildlife Federation.

Regulation changes coming into effect on Monday, July 1, 2024, include:

- lifting restrictions, such as the removal of motor vehicle prohibitions implemented after the severe wildfires of 2021;
- presenting new hunting opportunities or reducing hunting opportunities in various parts of the province based on local needs, including one regulation that provides a new season on six-point bull elk from Oct. 1-9 in the Bulkley Valley of the Skeena Region;
- taking assertive actions aimed at combatting the spread of chronic wasting disease; and
- improving reporting requirements for moose and caribou hunters, which will
 provide managers with increased and timely data for wildlife stewardship.

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Movie Review

Inside Out 2

Release date: June 14, 2024 (Canada) Director: Kelsey Mann Distributed by: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures Box office: \$1.015 billion Budget: \$200 million Edited by: Maurissa Horwitz

"Inside Out 2," directed by Kelsey Mann and distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, returns viewers to the imaginative world of emotions within Riley's mind with a refreshing twist. Released on June 14, 2024, this animated sequel has swiftly become a box office sensation, crossing the unprecedented milestone of \$1 billion globally within weeks of its release.

Plot and Themes

In this sequel, Riley, now a teenager, faces a new set of emotional challenges as she navigates adolescence. The core emotions-Joy (voiced by Amy Poehler), Sadness (voiced by Phyllis Smith), and Anger (voiced by Lewis Black)-have been successfully guiding Riley through life. However, the arrival of Anxiety (voiced by Maya Hawke) introduces a dynamic shift in Riley's emotional landscape. Anxiety refuses to take a passive role, creating turmoil and uncertainty within Riley's mind.

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Visuals and Animation

Pixar's mastery in animation shines through in "Inside Out 2." The vibrant and imaginative depiction of Riley's inner world captivates audiences, enhancing the emotional depth of the narrative. The animation seamlessly integrates new emotions like Envy, Embarrassment, and Nostalgia, each contributing to the richness of Riley's emotional journey. Director Kelsey Mann's debut feature ensures a visual feast that complements the film's thematic exploration.



Box Office Success and Audience Reception

"Inside Out 2" has not only met but exceeded expectations at the box office. It achieved a staggering \$151 million in its opening weekend in North America alone, establishing itself as the highest-grossing film of 2024 globally. The sequel's success underscores its universal appeal and enduring popularity among audiences of all ages.

Impact and Cultural Significance

Beyond its commercial success, "Inside Out 2" resonates with viewers by addressing complex emotions and the challenges of growing up. Its portrayal of Anxiety and other new emotions adds a contemporary relevance that audiences appreciate. The film's ability deep to engage with emotional while Pixar's themes maintaining trademark humor and heart reinforces its status as a cultural phenomenon.

"Inside Out 2" is a triumphant return to the beloved world of Riley's emotions, delivering a compelling narrative enriched by stunning animation and voice performances. stellar lt surpasses its predecessor in scope and emotional depth, setting a new standard for animated storytelling. Whether you're revisiting the inner workings of Riley's mind or experiencing it for the first time, "Inside 2" offers a poignant and Out entertaining journey that is not to be missed.

"Inside Out 2" is currently playing in theaters, inviting audiences to embark on a heartfelt and visually stunning adventure through the complexities of emotions and adolescence.

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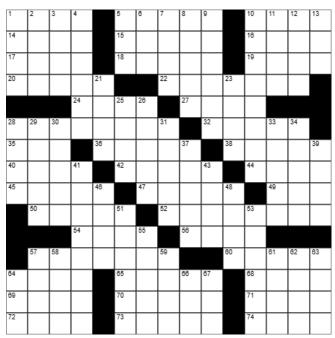


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A LITTLE FUN

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Down

1- I could _____horse!; 2- Cafe au ____; 3- Zone; 4- Closer; 5- Armed conflict; 6- I ____ Rock; 7- African wading bird; 8- Actress Berger; 9- Audition; 10- District; 11- Singer McEntire; 12- October stone; 13- Taxpayer's ID; 21- ____ la Douce; 23- Mid-month times; 25- Catcher's glove; 26- Syrian president; 28- Turndowns; 29- Breed of duck revered for its feathers; 30- Animated; 31- Big rigs; 33- Coniferous evergreen forest; 34- Bed down; 37- Sleep disorder; 39- Sea-going eagle; 41- Cooperative effort; 43- Culture medium; 46- Some VCRs; 48- 1952 Winter Olympics site; 51- Least feral; 53- Puma; 55- Island near Sicily; 57- ___-do-well; 58- Robt. ____; 59- Cool!; 61- Horse's gait; 62- Pitchfork part; 63- Washington bills; 64- Colo. clock setting; 66- Never, to Nietzsche; 67- Part of ETA;

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