

October 21, 2020

This Week in Recreation

Since reopening, the Recreation Centre has operated Tuesday to Saturday. Council has made it a priority to have Sundays open as soon as possible, using the same staff resources, so beginning November 1, we will be offering additional public swim and skate times.

There is a balance to be achieved between as we adjust to allow for new capacity limits, increased sanitization requirements resulting from COVID-19, accommodating the various user groups and minimizing costs. Also complicating scheduling is a shortage of certified lifeguards that prevents operating the aquatic centre more than five days a week. Some of the options to provide weekend access to the Rec Centre include:

- A shift to Wednesday to Sunday operations
- Sundays (noon-4pm) : the arena and pool open for 4 hours for family/public skating and swimming, this may not happen at the same time
- Mondays (3-11pm) : arenas only will be open. Ice is currently being installed and should be in use in early November
- An offer of lifeguard training at no cost if there is interest
- The purchase of a disinfecting fogger machine that will enable spaces to be cleaned more quickly with fewer personnel

As we adjust to new processes, we hope to gradually achieve efficiencies and increase the amount of time that various facilities are open to the public. As such, schedules are subject to change based on safety requirements and patron feedback.

Thank you for your patience while we navigate the additional regulatory requirements. Let us know what you think at [250.774.2541 ext. 1](tel:250.774.2541) or email us at rec@northernrockies.ca with any questions or comments. We look forward to seeing you back at the Rec Centre!

Programs

Pro-D Day Camp this Friday—register now! Acro Dance classes start on October 24—registration now open. [Check out the new Leisure Guide](#) for lots of options including Explore Sports, Dance, Fitness and Climbing classes.

Aquatic Centre

Sunday Public Swim times will be available soon! Check the Leisure Guide or our registration site for swim times and [Register for swims in advance using PerfectMind](#), instructions are available online.

Climbing Wall

The Climbing Wall is open **Wednesdays from 5:00-8:30pm** and **Saturdays from 10:30am-2:00pm**. [Book a time slot using PerfectMind](#) or call 250.774.2541 ext. 1.

Arenas

Sunday Public Skate times will be available soon! We are on track for a November 1 opening of the arenas—expect to notice a few changes around the building as we prepare for the arenas being in use.

Spookerama 2020

Spookerama is a go!

- Spookerama Carnival times by registration: Register for new times Friday or the waitlist.
- Spooky swims with movies for different age groups sponsored by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 2167: Register for new times on Friday or the waitlist.
- Quarantine-o-ween: House decorating and Jack-o-lantern contests with shop local gift certificate prizes sponsored by the Fort Nelson Rotary Club. And Scavenger Hunt for kids - pick up your prize at front desk.
- Fireworks on October 31 at 8:30 pm by Northern Rockies Fire Rescue
- Virtual haunted house tour put on by the FNSS 2021 Grads - playing online Halloween day!

Check the [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for more information. Don't forget these events are made possible with the help of volunteers - call us if you're able to lend a hand!

Walking (and Running!) Track

We are listening! As of October 13, the track will accommodate runners every day from 6:15am-7:15am, 1:00pm-2:00pm and 6:15pm-7:15pm. These times are for runners only.