



Date: July 14, 2008

To: RFABC

From: Chris Nelson

Re: Leisure Development Course 2008

During the first week in June 37 participants from across the Province and Alberta converged on Silver Star Mountain to attend the 2008 Leisure Development Course. Students were subject to an intense four days of classroom and hands on learning experience. Subjects this year included: Designing for Risk Management; Recreation's Role in Community Development; Facility Planning; and Creating Better Places (Open Space Planning). At completion of the instruction sessions each student is required to successfully complete the correspondence assignments issued by each of the instructors.

The three-year Leisure Development Course is one of Western Canada's premiere professional training opportunities serving park, recreation, culture and community development personnel with innovative leadership, management and professional development training sessions. Presented by a faculty from varied fields including business, public administration, recreation and parks, and academia, students receive timely information and innovative tools in order to improve personal development and, in turn, the parks and recreation system in their respective community.

In 2009 the program is scheduled for June 10th to 14th with the topics focusing on Personal Skill Development, Group Dynamics, Agency & Community Communications, and Creative Fundraising. For further information contact Chris Nelson at cnelson48@shaw.ca.

The Leisure Development Course is endorsed by the BCRPA and RFABC and sponsored by TASK Construction Management Inc. of Burnaby.