

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"



DECEMBER 2024

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



EAST CENTRAL NEWCOMER
WELCOME CENTRE INC.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. acknowledges that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the ancestral lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and the Métis Nation.



We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

CLOSED DEC 25, 26, 2024 & JAN 1, 2025

Otherwise, our staff is available

Mon to Fri from 8 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:45 pm.

Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

FUN FACT ABOUT CHRISTMAS IN CANADA

Did you know that in Canada, Santa Claus has his own postal code? Kids can write letters to Santa at the North Pole using the address: Santa Claus, North Pole, HOH OHO, Canada. Since 1982, Canada Post volunteers, known as "mailroom elves," have helped Santa respond to millions of letters from children all over the world.



FESTIVAL OF CULTURES 2024



Thank You to All Who Made the Festival of Cultures a Success !

As we reflect on the incredible success of this year's Festival of Cultures, we are filled with immense gratitude for everyone who contributed to making East Central Saskatchewan's longest-running multicultural celebration a truly memorable event.

To our dedicated staff and volunteers: Your tireless efforts behind the scenes ensured that every aspect of the festival ran smoothly. From setting up booths to coordinating performances, your hard work and enthusiasm were the backbone of this event.

To our talented participants: Your performances and presentations brought the festival to life. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

To our generous vendors: Thank you for providing a delightful array of authentic dishes that allowed us to savor the flavors of the world. Your culinary contributions were a highlight of the festival, and we appreciate the effort you put into preparing and presenting such delicious and diverse foods.

To all attendees: Your presence and participation are what make the Festival of Cultures a cherished annual tradition. Thank you for coming out on such a snow-filled afternoon. The Festival of Cultures has grown significantly since its inception in 2011, and it is because of the collective efforts of everyone involved that we continue to thrive. We look forward to many more years of celebrating our rich cultural heritage together.

Community Activities & Events December 2024

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at
(306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.

TOBOGGANNING

What: Fun outdoors

WHEN: **DECEMBER 6, 2024 - 5:00PM**

Where: At the Rodney Ridge Park, Yorkton

Cost: **FREE**. Contact Jeisel - jtolentino@ecnwc.ca/ Leah - llutz@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777



FROSTY FEST

What: : Christmas music, bonfire, wiener roast, sleigh rides, hot chocolate, & bake sale

WHEN: **DECEMBER 7, 2024 TIME: 11:00 AM**

Where: Switzer's Home-Grown Family Farm (From Yorkton, take Hwy 16 East to Clonmel Rd. Turn Left and continue for 2 kms. Look for the red shack on the left)

Cost: **FREE. MUST HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION**. Contact rguthrie@ecnwc.ca/306 620-7532



HOME ALONE COURSE

What: Creating festive designs on Bottles for Christmas decorations

WHEN: **DECEMBER 14, 2024 TIME: TBD**

Where: St John Ambulance, 21 1 Avenue North, Yorkton

Cost: **FREE**. Contact Jeisel - jtolentino@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777



CHRISTAMA BOTTLE ART

What: Creating festive designs on Bottles for Christmas decorations

WHEN: **DECEMBER 17, 2024 — 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre

Cost: **FREE**. Contact Leah - llutz@ecnwc.ca/Jeisel - jtolentino@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777



CHRISTMAS CULTURAL POTLUCK

What: Food, Drink, Games and Fun

WHEN: **DECEMBER 20, 2024 — 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Where: **TBD**

Cost: **FREE**. Contact Jeisel - jtolentino@ecnwc.ca/ Leah - llutz@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777



CHRISTMAS CANDLE ART

What: Learn to create decorative designs

WHEN: **DECEMBER 23, 2024 — 1:00 PM**

Where: **TBD**

Cost: **FREE** Contact: Leah - llutz@ecnwc.ca or call (306) 783-2777 for more info



MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN DECEMBER 2024

Buddhism - December 15 - Sanghamitta Day T (S)

Christianity - December 25 - Christmas

Judaism - December 26 - Jan Hanukkah

Jainism - December 11 - Maunajiyaras

Shinto - December 21 - Tohji-taisai

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan



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