



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

HAPPY SPRING!

The ECNWCI office is open for in-person appointments. We provide service to clients through phone calls, emails and other media. Please book appointments ahead of time as we are only allowing a limited number of clients in the office at one time.

Preventative measures including sanitizing, masking and physical distancing are followed.

To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca. Our service hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED - APRIL 15 AND APRIL 18, 2022

Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

April 12 – Melville April 26-Esterhazy

Why the Easter Bunny?

The Easter Bunny (also called the Easter Rabbit or Easter Hare) is a folkloric figure and **symbol of Easter**, depicted as a rabbit bringing Easter eggs. Originating among German Lutherans, the "Easter Hare" originally played the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or disobedient in behavior at the start of the season of Eastertide, similar to the "naughty or nice" list made by Santa Claus. As part of the legend, the creature carries colored eggs in its basket, as well as candy, and sometimes toys, to the homes of children. As such, the Easter Bunny again shows similarities to Santa (or the Christkind) and Christmas by bringing gifts to children on the night before a holiday. The custom was first mentioned in Georg Franck von Franckenau's *De ovis paschalibus* ('About Easter eggs') in 1682, referring to a German tradition of an Easter Hare bringing eggs for the children.



Source: Wikipedia

Changes to border measures



The Government of Canada announced that effective April 1, 2022, fully vaccinated travellers will no longer need to provide a pre-entry COVID-19 test result to enter Canada by air, land or water. As a reminder, travellers arriving to Canada from any country, who qualify as fully vaccinated, may need to take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival if selected for mandatory random testing. Travellers selected for mandatory random testing are not required to quarantine while awaiting their test result. For partially or unvaccinated travelers who are currently allowed to travel to Canada, pre-entry testing requirements are not changing. Learn more [HERE](#).

FUN Fact about Canada!

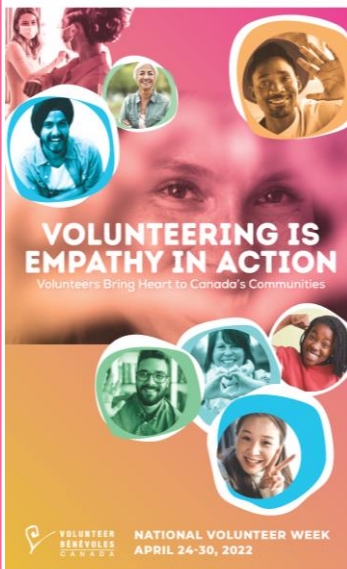
Canada is as tall as it is wide, creating a wide range of climate conditions. Canada has the largest latitude range of any country on the planet. Our southern border lies at the same latitude as northern



California, while our northern edge reaches right to the top of the world. It's rarely the same season in the same place at the same time. In early April, the Arctic may still be in the throes of a frigid winter, while the south can experience summer-like temperatures. No doubt, our weather forecasters are the busiest in the world!

Volunteers Bring Heart To Canada's Communities

Let's celebrate Canada's volunteers during our National Volunteer Week from April 24th to 30th. The empathy, compassion and generosity of volunteers creates connected communities and builds a stronger Canada.



The National Volunteer Week theme for 2022, Volunteering Is Empathy In Action, affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities. Empathy is a quality that can help people relate to others and build awareness around different experiences. It connects people in ideas and actions and helps create bonds forged in common goals and aspirations. Volunteering can help us develop empathy, to see the world through the eyes of others. It can connect people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, expanding our views. It can build our capacity to work collectively and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive society. From coast to coast in formal and informal settings, volunteers create caring, collaborative, and compassionate communities.

During National Volunteer Week 2022, we celebrate the contributions of Canada's millions of volunteers: their actions, their understanding, and their genuine concern for the world around them.

Volunteering, putting empathy into action, can build communities where people feel happier, healthier, and more welcome – creating a stronger, more connected Canada.

For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).





Community Activities & Event

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.



EASTER – Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Statutory Holidays in Canada

WHAT? Easter is a Christian holiday celebrating Jesus Christ returning from the dead. Good Friday marks the death of Jesus and Easter Sunday marks his resurrection.
WHEN? Good Friday is on April 15 in 2022 and Easter Sunday is on April 17.
WHERE? Celebrated differently across the world. Most celebrations have nothing to do with the Christian meaning of the holiday. In some households, the Easter Bunny brings a basket full of goodies to children for Easter. These gifts are often hidden so children have to go on a “Egg Hunt” to look for them. Egg painting is also a popular Easter Activity.



Easter Painting with SWIS

Art / Students

WHAT? Join our SWIS team to have some fun painting! We will be working on Easter themed painting!
WHEN? April 11, 2022 at 7pm – for Students aged 7-11
April 13, 2022 at 7pm – for Students aged 12+
WHERE? Online through ZOOM.
COST? FREE. Must register by emailing Leah at lmcneill@ecnwc.ca.



Truck Driving Careers in Saskatchewan & Alberta

Education / Adults

WHAT? Join Achev, Sask Trucking and Alberta Motor Transport for a webinar that explores how newcomers can receive the required training and start their careers truck driving.
WHEN? April 13, 2022 at 12pm (noon)
WHERE? Online.
COST? FREE to International trained newcomers. Must register by emailing sallard@ecnwc.ca



Easter Egg Hunt with SWIS

Leisure / Students

WHAT? Join our SWIS team on a FUN, outdoor Easter egg hunt in Logan Flats!
WHEN? April 17, 2022 from 2pm to 3pm
WHERE? Logan Flats West Entrance (End of Laurier Avenue) in Yorkton.
COST? FREE. Must register by emailing Jeisel at jtolorino@ecnwc.ca.
ALL children must be accompanied by adults and bring their own basket.



Multifaith Festivals in April

Baha'i Faith	April 9 – Jalal April 21 – May 2 - Festival of Ridvan April 28 – Jamal April 29 – Nineth Day of Ridvan	Hinduism	April 2 – Navvarsha (New Year's Day) April 2 - Ramayana Week begins April 10 – Ramanavami April 14 - Vaisakhi
Buddhism	April 8 – Buddha's Birth date April 16 –Theravada New Year April 28 – Nichiren Foundation Day	Islam	April 16 – Hanuman Jayanti April 2 – Ramadan begins
Christianity	April 15 – Holy (Good) Friday April 16 – Lazarus Saturday April 17 – Easter April 17 – Palm Sunday April 10-16 – Holy Week	Jainism	April 8-16 – Aymbil Ori begins April 14 – Mahavira-jayanti
		Judaism	April 16-23 – Pesah
		Sikhism	April 14 – Vaisakhi
		Zoroastrianism	April 30 to May 4 – Ghambar Maidyozarem begins
		Aboriginal Spirituality	April – Sxanel (The Bullhead Moon)
		Supplemental	April 24-30 – National Volunteer Week

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



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