

EMERALD LAKE REGIONAL PARK

2014 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to another great season!

As winter finally gives way to spring, and thoughts turn to another beautiful summer at Emerald Lake, we'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back, and update our leaseholders on what's new for 2014.

Camping Rates for 2014:

Full hook-up: \$34.95 + G.S.T.
Electrical Sites: \$31.13 + G.S.T.
Non-powered Sites: \$27.32 + G.S.T.

Entry Fees for 2014:

Seasonal Stickers: \$40.00
Daily Entry: \$9.24

Lease Fees:

The leaseholder fees will remain the same for 2014.

***New* Leaseholder Coffee Hour:**

This year we will have a weekly leaseholder coffee hour at the main concession to answer any questions and discuss ideas on how to improve the park. Times and dates will be posted.

***New* Compound for Boats**

This year the park has designated a locked compound for all boats, trailers, ice shacks, etc. This is located behind the seasonal sites (access via the horseshoe). This means absolutely no trailers, ice shacks, boats, etc. will be allowed to be left at the boat launch area. The compound will be available to all leaseholders at no charge; however there will be a \$25 deposit per key. Also anyone who currently has items in the compound from previous years is asked to please remove those items as soon as possible to assist in preparing it for this season.

***New* Boat Launch Daily Parking**

The boat launch area is now available for daily parking **only**. In order to park at the boat launch during the day you will be required to purchase a separate daily parking pass which is to be displayed on the dash of your vehicle. Your vehicle **MUST** be connected to your trailer and parked appropriately. Leaseholders who wish to use the boat launch for daily parking will be given the opportunity to purchase a yearly sticker for \$40 or pay \$10 per day. This daily rate is included in the boat launch fees for daily campers. ***All Boats and Trailers are required to be removed by end of day from this area.***

Boat Launch Fees Reminder

This year we are continuing with the boat launch fee for anyone entering our park for the day and for our daily campers. ***It will not affect our seasonal/cabin owners at this time, however If you have family or friends visiting, they are required to pay the boat launch fee for daily campers as outlined below.*** Over the years we have noticed an influx of boats on our lake, often times making it difficult for our leaseholders to use the launch. The fees are as follows:

Daily Campers:	Non-Campers:
\$10.00/day	\$25.00/day
\$25.00/weekend rate	
\$35.00/weekly rate	

Golf Course Fees:

In the past we have enjoyed an "honour system" when golfing on the course. We have discovered that this system is not working well as golfers rarely sign in and golf without paying. As a result, staff will be patrolling the course to ensure all golfers have paid and are following basic etiquette rules of golf. It is a requirement to sign in every time you golf even if you hold a membership. This allows us to monitor, gather information and let other golfers know how busy the course is. The sign in will be at the Number 1 tee off for ease of use by golfers. It can be very frustrating to tee off thinking that no one else is on the course when in fact every hole has someone golfing!

Golf rates for 2014 are as follows:

9 Hole Round (Children over 10)	\$15.00
9 Hole Round (Children under 10)	\$7.00
Daily Rate	\$25.00
Single Membership (18+)	\$100.00
Couple's membership (2 People)	\$175.00
Family Membership (3-4 People – Adult(s) & children under 18)	\$200.00
Additional Children (under 18) for Family membership	\$40.00

***New* Golf Carts Policy**

Are you tired of Golf carts racing around the park? Driven after dark? Under age drivers? We checked with other parks to see if they were experiencing the same things and how they were dealing with these issues. The best practice that we have seen is to **LICENCE** all carts and label each cart with a numbered sticker so people can identify the owner of the cart. This registered owner then takes full responsibility for compliance with the By-Laws regarding the operation of golf carts in the park. This is NOT a trackage fee but a way to identify who the cart belongs to if we need to address any issues.

There will be a **one-time fee of \$25 for licencing any golf cart driven in the park along with a waiver signed by the owner of the cart.** You will then receive a sticker to identify your golf cart. We can all work together to make Emerald Lake a safe and fun place to be!

Vehicles

Park bylaws state “During the quiet hours of 2300 – 0700, unnecessary vehicle traffic is prohibited and may be questioned by the park authority”. Please respect the quiet hours and limit vehicle travel during this time. Unnecessary traffic is a nuisance and we all have a responsibility to respect peace and quiet at the lake.

Lot Re-Measurement Notice

All Seasonal and Leaseholders requesting lot re-measurement must do so by May 15, 2014. All requests made after this date will be accommodated but will be charged a \$50 fee.

Gate Cards:

This winter a heater was purchased for the main gate eliminating the need for the front entrance gate/padlock. The gate cards will be re-activated in May, 2014. If the treasurer does not have your gate card number before May 1st, you may need to wait 24 hours to have it activated when you come to the park for the first time after this date.

Please e-mail elrptres@hotmail.com to provide your gate card number for activation.

Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association (SRPA):

We will be applying for a grant from SRPA for the 2014 season. Last year we received \$18,537.40 which was applied to the cost of the new beach store concession.

Beach Concession Naming

The board invites all patrons to submit names for the Beach Concession. Please send your idea to elrpsec@gmail.com

Defibrillator:

We would like to thank the many patrons who made donations to the purchase of a defibrillator for our park last year. This year, on May long weekend, we will be holding an AED course to go over instruction and answer any questions regarding it.

Tree Graveyard:

We ask that you help with limiting ongoing erosion concerns by allowing the natural underbrush and trees to grow. Please avoid dumping branches, grass and leaves in the parks natural underbrush. We have a tree graveyard located by hole # 3 just off the grid for that purpose and request that any yard refuse be dumped there. Building materials or household furnishings cannot be put in the tree graveyard. Let's keep our park beautiful and clean!

Firewood:

This year dead trees will be cut into lengths and sold to leaseholders. A list in the main concession will be made and they will be sold in that order.

Staff:

Welcome back to all our returning staff from last year! **We are still looking to hire workers for the concessions, maintenance and golf course.** If you are interested in a position, please forward your resume to: Emerald Lake Regional Park, Box 38, Leask, SK S0J 1M0 or email elrpsec@gmail.com

Procedures for obtaining Board approval for building permits:

See our website www.emeraldlake.org for procedures or contact Bryce at elrpsec@gmail.com with any questions regarding permits.

Building Inspector Information:

Peter Halayka
Box 418
Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0
Phone: 306- 747-4090
Cell: 306-960-9087
Fax: 306-747-4431
Email: phalayka@sasktel.net
www.halayka.ca/inspect for list of services
Class 3 building official License #B0L0031

Swimming Lessons:

Two weeks, back to back, are scheduled for swimming lessons. Registration for the first week will be on June 29 and will begin on Monday, June 30. Registration for the second week will be July 6 and will begin on Monday, July 7.

Crafts:

We will again be offering crafts for children at the main store. We are looking for any donations such as: working markers, crayons, fancy paper, glue, glitter glue, ribbon, etc. we appreciate any donations made!

Tax Receipts:

We are now able to provide tax receipts for any donations made to the park!

Fishing Licences:

Just a reminder that The Park will not be selling fishing licences. Fishing licenses can either be bought online (allow 2-3 weeks for delivery) or at an authorized vendor. Make sure you purchase your fishing licence prior to coming to the lake!

Emerald Lake Leaseholder Association (ELLA):**News:**

This is the final request to leaseholders from ELLA for a volunteer to step forward and take over ELLA as Chair. Please contact Barb at barbcross@sasktel.net or **306.668.4496** if you are interested in this position by end April 2014.

In absence of anyone stepping forward, the recommendation for ELLA is that it be closed and the funds and responsibilities be transferred to the lake board who has agreed to take on ELLA responsibilities and honor the financial commitments made to the leaseholders.

At one time, ELLA was a viable and needed entity to ensure the leaseholders of Emerald Lake had their needs, wants and expectations met. With the introduction of many leaseholders onto the lake board in recent years, ELLA has become redundant in many ways. Barb has been trying to recruit a replacement for almost a year, and, unless someone steps forward, the lake board can continue to provide the necessary services that ELLA provided.

Discussions with the lake board have included that a "recreation coordinator" position be created on the lake board to ensure continuation of fireworks, silent auction, night golf, pancake breakfast, etc. Funds raised and designated for the addition of new playground equipment this summer and the development of hiking trails will be transferred to the lake board for the purpose they were raised.

We are confident that this model will work successfully and streamline what we do by centralizing ELLA's duties with the lake board. The transition should be fairly seamless.

Once again, please contact Barb with any questions, concerns, suggestions or recommendations.

New Board Members

The ELRP Board would like to welcome three new board members for this year:

Todd Joyes [Director]

Darcy Van Meter [Director]

Bryce Schmuland [Director]

We also welcome back Brad Butler as Chair, Roberta Mansell as Treasurer, Vicki Dreger [Director], and Victor Unyi [RM Representative]

AGM:

This year the AGM will be held at the main store on Sunday June 1, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Have a great 2014 season!