

Alberta Junior Forest Warden Alumni Association

# Winter Skills 2015

February 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**You are invited to join us for this exciting and challenging weekend for Leaders, AC's and Parents!**

This self-sustained weekend focuses on outdoor living skills in winter conditions. Shelter building, snowshoeing (snow permitting), amazing skills challenges and more! The cost is \$15 per person.

We will rendezvous at 9 am Saturday morning in Slave Lake at the Sawridge Truck Stop parking lot, located on highway 88, just a few km's north of the hwy 2 / hwy 88 junction. The truckstop is on the east side of the highway. From there we will travel together as a convoy out to the site.

Alumni reserve the right to cancel this event at the last minute if daytime temperature remains below -20C, dangerous conditions exist, or due to low attendance.

## Weekend Schedule

### Saturday, February 14

9:00am Arrive at rendezvous point in Slave Lake and head out to shelter site.  
10:00am Shelter building demonstration and fire techniques  
11:00am Find a site for your shelter and use the rest of the day to construct your camp  
3:30pm Tour of the neighbourhood

### Sunday, February 15

9:30am Meet for the activities  
11:30pm Lunch by Alumni  
12:30 pm Afternoon activities  
3:30pm Back to camp, collect more firewood, prepare for the evening  
7:30pm Torch light parade and Campfire

### Monday, February 16

9:00am Breakfast by Alumni  
10:00am Demonstration of smoke signals. Camps should be taken down and fires out by 12:00am, leave little to no trace  
12:00pm Head for home

**Meals Required:** Saturday lunch and supper; Sunday breakfast and supper; your Sunday lunch and Monday breakfast will be provided by Alumni.

**The deadline to register is February 10, 2015.** For more info or to reserve your spot, please contact Al Wardale [al@kpwood.com](mailto:al@kpwood.com) or Rondalene Schiebel [rondalenes@gmail.com](mailto:rondalenes@gmail.com)

## Things You Need to Know!

This is a 3 day, 2 night, primitive shelter building camp held on the February Family Day weekend. Depending on terrain, snow conditions and temperature, this exercise can present some serious challenges. **Participants require advanced outdoor skills.** Shelter building and fire skills are of paramount importance. A proper layered clothing system and in particular, good winter footwear, are a significant requirement.

The random bush area is selected by the Alumni Association, but proper site selection for your personal camp will require some time and effort! You have to scout the area well, taking into consideration the following items:

- Distance and terrain to haul your gear from vehicle to campsite
- Availability of building materials and firewood in the immediate area
- Prevailing wind conditions
- Swamp/muskeg areas – potential fire hazard, water under snow
- Safety issues
  - Dead trees, leaners and hangers that may blow down – LOOK UP!
  - Fire location – mineral soil – underground fire potential\*\*\*
  - Hypothermia, first aid, and medivac considerations

The Alumni is hosting the camp and will provide advice and instruction, **however**, the ultimate responsibility for comfort and safety rests with the participants.

***Note: The Alumni Association reserves the right to limit or deny participation if the families are not well enough prepared!***

### Suggested Gear List

Plastic and tarp for your own shelter  
Good warm boots  
Cooking pot, cup and spoon  
Knife, bucksaw (axe not recommended)  
Sleeping bag(s), liner, shell (bivy)  
Sleeping pad, space blanket  
Snow shovel  
Matches, first aid kit  
Personal kit, toilet paper  
Snowshoes and small sled (optional, but helpful)

**\*Remember that nylon clothing can melt easily around fire, to dress in layers and bring extra clothing, especially mittens/gloves and socks/boot liners.**

Follow the link to our promotional video from the 2012 Winter Skills Camp on youtube by clicking <http://youtu.be/wddieOF-BCI>

## Winter Skills 2015 Registration

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NOTE: This completed form and payment will be collected on Sat. morning at the Slave Lake rendezvous point at the Sawridge Truckstop.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

AHC No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle one:**     Adventurer (12-15)     Challenger (15-18)     Leader/Parent

Dietary concerns: (personal needs may not be able to be accommodated in a "group food plan", but we would like to encourage ourselves to try! Convey these via email) \_\_\_\_\_

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