



MESSAGE FROM CENTRE MANAGER CHERYL HOOD



Well, the summer of 2021 was interesting to say the least, we still had to stick handle Covid, and in July we had a wildfire that was a little too close to the Centre, but thankfully (*and a big shout out*) the Vernon Fire Department and BC Wildfire came to the site to ensure we would be protected if the fire moved in our direction. Phewf...to close for comfort!

Then the smoke from the White Rock Lake Fire disrupted our events; we had many planned, but couldn't go a head with several of them due to the situation. Despite the smoke we were able to move forward with some events as planned - the Pop Up Orchestra in collaboration with the [Okanagan Symphony Orchestra](#) had an amazing Brass trio, [the Bug Guys](#) came for a Family fun night and the best was the return of [the Raptors](#) to Allan Brooks Nature Centre...what a success, and we are looking forward to having them back next year!

Though summer is waning we are planning for 2022 and fingers crossed next summer will be packed with loads of fun for all. We are now in full swing for our school programming, [Stream Science](#), [Kokanee field trips](#), [Nature in the Classroom](#), and [Field trips to the Nature Centre](#).

Please Note: We do offer programming to organizations that are not school related, so if you're interested, give us a call and we can let you know what we have.

Happy Fall and we hope to see you at the Centre Soon....

P.S. Our [Mega Garage sale](#) beings this Friday the 17 and runs until the Sunday, the 19 - hurring in to grab the deals of the century!



The coat of a **mule deer** will change colour during the fall from a reddish colour to a brown or grey. This happens at this time due to a hormonal response triggered by the changing season. This new coat has an outer guard of stiff hairs and an inner layer of soft dense hair which insulates the deer from the cold.

MEGA GARAGE SALE



Treasures await you! Make sure not to miss our highly anticipated fall [Mega Garage Sale](#) that kicks off this Friday! Find what you're looking for and even some of what you're not... from furniture to collectibles, our tents are overflowing with tons of treasures. There is something for everyone!

NOTE: while this is a traditional garage sale, we'll have a limited selection of larger items posted online. All proceeds from the garage sale will go towards the center's mission to provide nature awareness in the community.

There will also be a food truck on site for the hungry bargain shoppers out there.

Join us at the Allan Brooks Nature Centre:

- Friday and Saturday: 8am - 3pm
- Sunday: 9am - 2pm for our Bargain Day!



RAPTORS A SUCCESS!

It was another fantastic turn out for [the Raptors](#) this year! The delighted faces and responses are why we love returning this event to the centre for locals and tourists alike to enjoy. And despite some smoky days, it did not dampen spirits and the experience was still enjoyed to its fullest extent.

We hope to bring back this well-loved event for the 2022 season once again.

A special thank you goes out to The Raptors and their birds of prey, as well as our Title Sponsor [Nixon Wenger LLP](#) and event sponsor [VantageOne Credit Union](#) for their support!

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TRAIL CAM CATCH

What a surprise catch!

While we don't usually expect to find cougars wandering through our grasslands, wildfires cause wildlife to flee the flames and search for new habitat. This migration may cause animals to wander into human populated areas they would normally avoid. We believe this cougar was most likely displaced from the nearby fires and is in desperate search of food and water as it heads towards our pond, looking a bit thin.

We are very grateful to see that our pond served as a much needed water source for the nearby wildlife this summer throughout the heatwaves and the wildfires.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Fall is a busy time for us here at Allan Brooks Nature Centre, as students head back to the classrooms to start another year of learning! It is our goal to ensure that this also includes getting outside and hands-on in our local environment!

In September and October, classes are welcome to visit us at ABNC for a [Field Trip](#), and they are also invited to join us at Coldstream Creek to welcome the spawning Kokanee Salmon. The [Kokanee Salmon program](#) runs for 1 hour and 45 minutes at the creek's edge. Students get to experience the salmon run, while learning about their unique lifecycle through interactive discussions and games.

In addition, we are running the [Stream Science program](#) for local high school students. This is a water quality monitoring program, where high school students test the water quality of their local creek or stream. This is a very engaging and fun program run at a local river, and gives students a closer look at what may be affecting our local water quality.

For more information please visit our website at www.abnc.ca.

To book a program please complete our online booking form.

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