



MESSAGE FROM CENTRE MANAGER CHERYL HOOD



We started 2022 with Introducing Okanagan Okie with great success. Though the day was cold Okie predicted an early spring, and so far, so good, with a bit of a curveball of snow early March, we are seeing signs of life, Okie's cousins have woken up and are scampering around the site. The grass is greening, the raptors are soaring over the fields. What a wonderful way to start the season. We will be opening the site on April 23rd for the public - how exciting is that! With [Trail Walks](#) and [Nature Talks](#) in your near future we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Cheryl Hood, Centre Manager



During these spring months many species of birds including the **Say's Phoebe**, will make their migration to the Okanagan area for food or nesting. It is believed that the male Say's Phoebe is to arrive on breeding grounds before the females and will sing to defend the chosen nesting territory. A nesting site will vary from a rocky ledge to under a bridge or eaves. Even an occasional natural tree cavity will make do.

Read more at: <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/says-phoebe>

🎵 Listen to the Say's Phoebe call [here](#).

WELCOME CHELSEA!

An introduction from ABNC's Programs, Events, and Volunteer Coordinator.

Hello to all you fellow nature nuts, my name is Chelsea Hubbard, and I am the proud new owner of the title "Programs, Events, and Volunteer Coordinator." Prior to working with Allan Brooks Nature Centre, I was an elementary teacher in St. Albert, Alberta. My experiences from teaching have given me a strong foundation to build upon in this very dynamic position.



Over the past two years I have had the opportunity to work in various capacities at Allan Brooks Nature Centre. The knowledge and community that I have gained is truly invaluable. Just the other day, I found myself explaining cloacal respiration in turtles over dinner with friends. At ABNC everyday is a learning experience and provides the possibility to discover something new!



EVENTS AT ABNC

Last year Vernon, and much of BC, were faced with extreme circumstances that caused a major shift in priorities. A good portion of our beloved summer was swallowed up by smoke and unbearable heat. This year we have all of our fingers and toes crossed for a comfortable season full of fun and learning! We have several programs planned such as Xeriscape Gardening, The Bug Guys, and a visit from the BC Wildlife Park! Keep your eyes peeled for more updates on our website and social media!



VOLUNTEERS

ABNC is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers, but we are always looking for more helping hands to keep the centre thriving! Whether you want to join the events crew to see a show, or you love kids and want to be a part of our educational programming, we have a place for everyone.



GET INVOLVED!

Check out our website [here](#) to learn more about the opportunities to get involved in the community, build friendships, and learn something new!

EDUCATION UPDATE



New Science of Nature Program

Allan Brooks Nature Centre is very excited to share that we are collaborating with the Okanagan Science Centre on a new outdoor school program; the Science of Nature!

Local ecosystems are being increasingly impacted by our changing climate; increasing temperatures, drought, fire, invading species and much more. Students will join us as we explore the interconnected components of ecosystems and how each is being adversely impacted by climate change.

During these engaging sessions, students will learn that plants, water, air and wildlife are all interconnected and necessary components of an ecosystem. They will get an in-depth look at how each of these ecosystem components are being impacted and identify solutions to help combat the negative impacts.



For more information visit us online [here](#) or contact education@abnc.ca.



WE'RE HIRING

Join our team of nature enthusiasts!

We are hiring full time summer staff for the 2022 season!

Do you enjoy working outdoors and teaching about the wonders of the natural world!? If so, then consider ABNC for your 2022 summer employment.

Current positions available:

- Environmental Education Program Assistant
- Visitor Services Representative/Interpreter
- Public Outreach and Event Assistant

APPLY TODAY!

Visit us [here](#) for more information on positions available!

DID YOU KNOW WE DO SPACE RENTAL?

Event Rentals

We rent the Picnic Shelter, Grass lands theatre and the classroom for Private events, weddings, and other events.

For more information contact Cheryl at manager@abnc.ca

