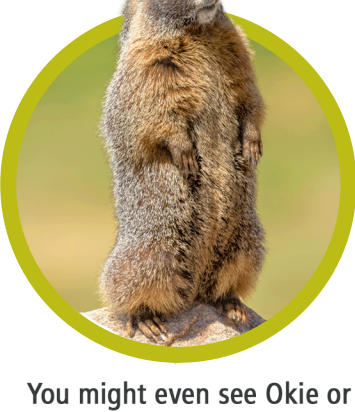




## MESSAGE FROM THE CENTRE

Summer programs are heating up and hopefully so is the weather - a little hotter, anyway. Staff are in the midst of final preparations for upcoming events and look forward to your visit with us.



With the rain we've had lately, there is more green in the surrounding grasslands than what is the usual for this time of year.

And don't forget about OKIE! Our Okanagan Okie is definitely out and about, getting on the sunscreen, and setting up the lawn chairs in the Grassland Theatre after pulling a few early morning Yoga routines.

You might even see Okie or one of his cousins out around the grasslands doing the 'OKIE-pokey and turning them-self a-round because that's what it's all a-bout'!

## DID YOU KNOW?

**We had our first Bat count!**

Our first Bat count of the season took place June 22nd. Volunteers counted and recorded the flying "Chiropterans" (Greek: Hand wing).



Our events coordinator Chelsea Hubbard was at the bat count and said, "During a beautiful evening, our counters recorded an encouraging number. It was exciting to see." Stay tuned for upcoming Bat Counts scheduled this season. Bats are now considered endangered and these counts are crucial for ensuring monitoring of their recovery.

If you want to spend an exciting evening learning about Bats, contact Chelsea at [programs@abnc.ca](mailto:programs@abnc.ca) and volunteer to help out in this important preservation task.

## DINNER UNDER THE STARS

The Dinner Under the Stars Auction was a huge success. With [Nature's Fare](#) and [Capri CMW Insurance](#) coming aboard as sponsors, the event is sure to be another amazing evening. With a few steps remaining, the Centre staff are excited to see the event underway.

ABNC does not receive government financial support so events like



DUTS are an important and major fund-raiser. Together with your [donations](#), the Allan Brooks Nature Centre can continue providing rejuvenation and education for young and elderly alike.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."  
— Elizabeth Andrew

With summer finally here, the Centre needs you! There are various work projects available to cover most areas interest for any volunteer. One such project has to do with "Invasive species" which are in the local grasslands. These crowd our natural vegetation impacting indigenous insects and wildlife. So come on up, meet like-minded folks, take some time to enjoy the outdoors in this beautiful Okanagan Valley and help us "PULL THE MUSTARD".

For more information on any volunteering opportunities, please contact our Volunteer and Events Coordinator Chelsea Hubbard at [programs@abnc.ca](mailto:programs@abnc.ca).

## MISSION POSSIBLE

Together with the Vernon Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses, Allan Brooks is participating in a community event inspired by the Mission Impossible franchise.



The Mission Possible event will support local tourism with the involvement of participants "infiltrating" each host site to find secret codes. Between July 1st and 17th, visit ABNC, see the site, and get your code to be eligible for the grand prize staycation!

Find out more details about Mission Possible at:

<https://www.vernonchamber.ca/mission-possible/>

## COMING SOON!

**Eco-friendly e-bike access to ABNC.**

ABNC and [Neuron e-scooters and bikes](#) are

working to include ABNC in their access area.

Stay tuned for more information as we move toward our visitors having the opportunity to choose an eco-friendly alternative

and E-bike to the Allan Brooks Nature Centre!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **OPEN SUNDAYS** | Starting July 3rd  
The Centre will be open on Sundays 10am - 3pm (until the end of August)
- **The Bug Guys** | July 6th @ 6pm - 8pm  
[The Bug Guys](#) return to ABNC and it's sure to be another eventful and informative presentation.
- **The Raptors** | Dates TBA  
[The Raptors](#) will return to ABNC this August. Tickets will sell fast, so keep your eyes on our site.
- **Guided Trail Tours** | Saturdays @ 10am - 10:30am  
Join a guided tour by one of our interpretive staff and discover the grasslands and our local natural world.
- **Nature Talks** | Saturdays @ 11:30am - 12:00pm  
Our interpretive staff will dive deep into new nature topics each week and will include props and taxidermy to learn more about our natural world.  
-FREE event, but donations are appreciated-

Keep an eye on our online [events calendar](#) for more upcoming events!

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LOOKS FORWARD TO  
YOUR VISIT SOON!**

