

2010 KMC HIKING CAMP --- Northern Selkirk Mountains east of Mica Creek Town Site

Camp and Participation Information

The Kootenay Mountaineering Club (KMC) sponsors three hiking camps each summer. This year's hiking camp will be located in the Northern Selkirk Mountains, about 10 kms east of the Mica Creek Town site. All three camps are at the same site. The camp fee is \$450 per person.

Preparation and in-camp activities are a cooperative effort. Each camp has a volunteer leader who coordinates procedures, implements and follows KMC Hiking Camp policies, and facilitates an enjoyable hiking/camping experience. The hiking camps uphold the environmentally friendly policies of the KMC. Camp participants are chosen by lottery. Those chosen to attend one of the camps will be asked to attend a pre-camp coordination meeting where food and logistic decisions and assignments will be made. It is also an opportunity to meet the camp leader and the other camp participants.

The KMC facilitates transportation and the set up and operation of the camps. The KMC is not a guide service. While at camp participants choose their activities based upon their experience, skills, and the environment in which the camp is located. The camps are wilderness experiences with few conveniences not suited to the inexperienced hiker. It is strongly recommended that participants have some back country hiking experience, or, at a minimum, be a strong trail hiker. Campers must be at least 19 years of age on or before the first day of camp. All camp registrants must have an email address. All notifications and communications will be done by email only.

Camp Dates

Camp 1 - July 24-31

Camp 2 - July 31-Aug 7

Camp 3 - Aug 7-14

Detailed Location and Access Information

Location: In the beautiful Northern Selkirk Mountains with access to peaks and high mountain ridges. The camp will be sited on a small tarn at 6800'

Map Coordinates: National Topographic Series, sheet 82M16, E118d 22' 30", N52d 00' 30".

Access: From Mica Creek on Highway 23, approx 100 km north of Revelstoke BC.

The Lottery and Priority

Only those who are members of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club as of January 31, 2010 and whose registration forms and fees are received on or before March 15 will be included in a lottery from which camp participants are drawn. When a camp roster is full, additional registrations will be placed on a waitlist in the order drawn in the lottery. When the lottery waitlist is exhausted, vacancies will be filled by KMC members whose registration forms and fees are received after March 15th. If camps are not filled by April 15th, completed registrations with fees from non KMC members will be considered for existing vacancies. Please note: Registrants accepted into a camp will not be placed on the waitlist for consideration for other camp openings.

Registrants not selected for a camp this year will be assigned to the camp of their choice next year if they meet the requirements for camp participation and follow the registration instructions including the deadlines for the timely receipt of forms outlined in next year's hiking camp announcement.

To Register

- 1) Legibly complete and sign the registration form. Mail the completed form and a cheque dated March 15 or earlier, payable to **KMC Hiking Camp** for the full fee(s), \$450 per registrant, to:
Paula Barnes, 512 Second Street, Nelson, BC V1L 2L5
- 2) Once selected for camp you will receive by email an Acknowledgement and Waiver of Risk for your review and records. All persons whose names appear on the registration form and who are chosen to attend camp will be required to sign this waiver at the camp planning meeting or at the embarkation point.

Registration forms and fees must be received by March 15, 2010 for you to be included in the lottery. Cheques must be dated March 15 or earlier. The lottery will take place shortly after March 15. Notification regarding your camp status will be made soon after the lottery draw. You will be notified by email of your camp status.

Refund and Cancellation Policies

A \$50 administrative fee will be retained by the KMC from any refund. If a substitute camper can be found, a full refund less the administrative fee will be given. If a substitute camper cannot be found, and the camper withdraws between May 1 and June 1 inclusive, a 50% refund less the administrative fee will be given. If the camper withdraws after June 1 and a substitute camper cannot be found, no refund will be given.

Cancellation vacancies will be filled from the waitlist first. Once the waitlist and the list of post March 15 registrants are exhausted, the withdrawing camper is responsible for finding a suitable replacement before a refund will be issued.

Camp leaders have the absolute discretion to exclude any camper from camp participation if s/he judges that the camper is likely to cause harm to her/himself or to other campers. In this instance the excluded camper is not eligible for a refund. You are urged to consider the purchase of travel insurance.

Words of Advice

Be sure to read the camp information carefully. Be sure to complete the registration forms accurately and legibly. This will avoid delays which could disqualify you from the lottery. One more time: Completed registration forms and cheques dated March 15 or earlier must be received no later than March 15, 2010 for inclusion in the lottery.

Questions?

Contact Paula Barnes at address: hikingkmc@live.com