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MARCH 2013 E-NEWS

FMCBC NEWS

Annual General Meeting

Jodi Appleton, FMCBC Program and Administration Manager

Plans are underway for the FMCBC's 2013 AGM which will be taking place on Saturday, June 8th at McQueen Camp near Kamloops. This year's AGM will be hosted by the [Kamloops Hiking Club](#). All FMCBC members are welcome to attend, but be aware that overnight accommodation at the camp is limited. Please register early to book your bunk, especially those who are attending as club representatives. There will be social events happening on both Friday and Saturday nights plus a hike planned for Sunday morning. Complete registration information and a rough itinerary can be found on our [website](#). On the itinerary you'll see additional hikes listed for those not attending the actual meeting on Saturday such as KHC members and guests.

FMCBC Member Club Grant 2013

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Our 2013 grant committee, consisting of five FMCBC Directors with my assistance, is refining the grant process for this year's FMCBC Member Club Grant based on feedback from 2012 which was our first year awarding grants to support member club projects across BC. Thank you to Dave King ([Caledonia Ramblers](#)), Catheryn Fyfe ([Victoria Outdoor Club Meetup](#)), Bob St. John ([Comox District Mountaineering Club](#)), David Overall ([Alpine Club of Canada Vancouver Section](#)) and Ben Singleton-Polster ([Varsity Outdoor Club UBC](#)) for volunteering for this year's committee. Grant applications will be sent out to FMCBC Directors by April 1st with a deadline set for April 30th. We will also post the application to our website homepage. We are looking forward to hearing about projects our clubs are working on and hope to support some of these this year.

IN THE NEWS

[A Jumbo Summer Ahead?](#) - The Tyee, March 21, 2013

[Avalanche awareness improves](#) - Kelowna Daily Courier, March 16, 2013

[Snowmobilers disturbing backcountry watershed: Rainbow Lake/21-Mile Creek was set aside for non-motorized access](#) - Pique Newsmagazine, March 15, 2013

[Plans brew in Golden Ears Provincial Park as trails deteriorate](#) - Georgia Straight, March 7, 2013

[Joint backcountry patrols underway: RCMP and others enforcing regulations on snowmobilers](#) - Whistler Question, February 28, 2013

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

The [Caledonia Ramblers Ancient Forest Universal Boardwalk Project](#) gets some great press - check out this [video](#) on YouTube posted by the CKPG Newsroom

[Environmentalists Sigh with Relief as BC Liberals Back Down from "Forest Giveaway Bill" to expand Tree Farm Licenses \(TFL's\) on public lands](#) - Ancient Forest Alliance, March 12, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The FMCBC **21 Mile Creek** User [Survey](#) is continuing for the 2012-2013 season. [Click here](#) for more info on snowmobiles in the non-motorized zone.

CLOUDBURST Call for photos and articles: We're looking for articles and a cover photo for the next issue of Cloudburst. For the cover we're looking for a high resolution, vertically oriented, summer shot including amazing scenery with FMCBC members hiking/climbing/scrambling etc - if you have one and would like to share please [email](#) it to us for consideration by **April 15th**. For articles we have a lot of different sections within the newsletter including educational, trip reports, club activities, and club ramblings. If you have something interesting you'd like to share [email](#) us your article (1000 words or less is best) by **April 15th**.

Charlie Russell, internationally renowned bear expert and bestselling author, will be giving talks about the Great Bears of BC and Russia this April in Qualicum Beach, Victoria and North Vancouver. [Click here](#) for more details.

[Click here](#) to view the Fall/Winter 2012 issue of Cloudburst! The deadline for articles for the next issue is **April 15, 2013**

Visit the [Canadian Avalanche Centre](#) for current conditions and bulletins

Visit Bivouac via the FMCBC [website](#) to report ORV infractions

Visit [Canada Helps](#) to make a donation to the FMCBC

The FMCBC is always looking for volunteers. [Click here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

As always the FMCBC would like to thank [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) for supporting the FMCBC through their generous contribution of office space from which to base our administration.

The mission of the FMCBC is to advocate for safe, self-propelled activities (such as hiking, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, trail running and other backcountry activities) and the protection of BC's backcountry for current and future generations to experience.

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