



Parks and Recreation Bingo



Candle Lake PARKS AND RECREATION offer a wide variety of programs throughout the year. In each issue of our monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting one of these programs, talking with the program coordinator to inform you about the times, locations and details of each.

This month we are featuring our BINGO program! BINGO is played on the second Friday of each month, with the exception of July and August when it is played twice through the month, on Wednesdays.

BINGO is played at the Rec. Hall and starts at 7:30 pm, lasting until 9:30 to 10:00 pm. **The COST is up to you!** You can play for under \$5.00, going as high as you dare! ☺ A “three-up strip” (which gives you 3 BINGO cards to play for each game), costs \$3.00. For an additional \$1.00, your booklet can be validated for a chance to win the LOONEY POT. Jackpot game cards are sold separately for 50 cents each.

The BINGO evening will provide you with 5 - 4 part games for a **total of 20 BINGO games PLUS two Jackpot games. GAME PRIZES are cold, hard cash!** The amount of the prizes are directly affected by the amount of sales for the night, so **the more people playing, the better the prizes!** The amount of the Looney Pot winning varies. If there is no winner, the money is held over to the next BINGO, building in value based on the evening’s sales. The pay out for the jackpot portion of the evening also varies. If no one wins the *jackpot*, the money is held over to the next month and builds in value, based on the sales amount of the previous BINGO.

A **concession** is open before BINGO games begin, and again at intermission for your convenience. Coffee, pop, chocolate bars and potato chips are available at reasonable prices. *BINGO dabbers are also available for sale.*

We recently spoke to the Bingo Coordinator about some of the details and regulations of providing a BINGO program...

Q. Are the BINGO games for Candle Lake residents only?

A. Not at all! Anyone and everyone are welcome! ***The more, the merrier!***

Q. How many people usually attend?

A. This varies on the time of year. In late spring through summer, we can expect 30-35 people. However many of our regular BINGO players are snowbirds, and so the attendance drops through the winter months.

Q. Does the BINGO program follow provincial regulations?

A. Absolutely! We must adhere to the SK Liquor and Gaming Commission regulations. Our licence is posted at the Village Office, together with the appointed dates of BINGO for the calendar year.

Q. What else is regulated by the SK Liquor and Gaming Commission?

A. One of the Commission’s requirements, is a minimal sale of “paper” to hold a BINGO night. This means that if we don’t have enough people out, we may not be able to hold a BINGO that night. Prize allocation amounts are also dictated. No more than 80% of sales may be awarded in prizes.

Q. What is done with the profits from a night of BINGO?

A. All profits benefit our community through Parks and Recreation programs and activities. At times, profits may be designated to a special purchase, such as playground equipment.

Q. Who runs the BINGO nights?

A. BINGO nights are run by volunteers! We need three to four volunteers for each night of BINGO. If anyone is interested in being a BINGO volunteer, feel free to contact me at 929-3356, or any Parks and Rec Board Member.

Q. What would you like new Candle Lake residents and visitors to know about BINGO and our community programs in general?

A. Most programs at Candle Lake are looked after by the Parks and Rec Board. We trust that our programs are addressing a social need within the community. **All programs are run by volunteers and all profits go back into the community.** We are always looking for support of these programs through patronage and volunteerism. If you would like further information, feel free to contact me, (John) at 929-3365.

We would love to see you at the next BINGO! Bring a friend or neighbor!