



# Ripples

### **Alberta and Northwest Territories Monthly Newsletter**

### **Affiliate News**

### **Affiliate Webinars**

The schedule is out for this quarter's Affiliate Regional Conversations! Register in advance to receive updates from the Society, ask questions and connect with other affiliates. All webinars will be held via zoom.

Edmonton and North Zone: November 17, 10:00am

Nortwest Territories: November 17, 2:00pm

Central Zone: November 18, 10:00am

Calgary Zone: November 18, 2:00pm

# Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund is Helping to Improve Lifesaving Sport!

We are excited to announce that the Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch has been chosen to receive a grant from the Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund! This grant will allow us to invest in the continued development of Lifesaving Sport in a more sustainable way as we overcome setbacks experienced because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



### **Lest We Forget**



Image credit: Government of Canada

The Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch, recognizes that November 8<sup>th</sup> marks National Indigenous Veterans Day.

To learn more about the military service contributions of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit people of Canada, visit Veteran Affairs Canada's website at:

www.veterans.gc.ca

### **OFFICE CLOSURE**



In honour of Remembrance Day, the Lifesaving Society office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

### Refresh Your Equipment - SHOP Quality Stearns Lifejackets Today



\$37.63 (all sizes)

### Share Your #commUNITY Memories



## Alberta Recreation & Parks Association Calls for Story Submissions

To celebrate 70 years, ARPA wants to commemorate the sense of #commUNITY they've built over the years by featuring stories and memories. Visit <a href="www.arpaonline.ca">www.arpaonline.ca</a> to submit your memories in the form of:

- Photos
- Old presentations
- Videos
- Written stories
- Old articles
- Audio recordings

### November 30th is Giving Tuesday!

Leading up to November 30th, the Lifesaving Society is promoting the need for charitable giving.

Giving Tuesday originated in the United States with a goal of encouraging people to do good. The generous focus of Giving Tuesday is like a humanitarian counter-balance to Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Since its start in 2012, the Giving Tuesday movement has grown to over 75 countries, including Canada!

A focus on promoting charitable causes at the start of the holiday season is a significant part of how Giving Tuesday meets its goal. While charitable giving is available year-round, we encourage our members to consider a donation to the Lifesaving Society: Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch as we kick-off this giving season.

If you would like to get involved and be a leader in charitable giving in your community, then stay tuned to Ripples and our website.



**Check out our Giving Tuesday page!** 

### **UPCOMING COURSES**

The Lifesaving Society is a full service provider of programs, products, and services designed to prevent drowning. To find a list of facility-hosted certification courses, please visit the Find a Course page on our website.

### Lifesaving Society Online Academy

Bronze Medal Awards 2021 Mandatory Update
Start Date: upon registration

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 all Bronze Medal courses must use the 2021 revised program. Update today!

Trainer Course and Recertification dates for 2022 are coming soon. Keep checking the Online Course Academy and Ripples for updates.

### **In-Person Courses**

**National Lifeguard Instructor Course** 

Dates/Time: November 13-14, 2021

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Location: University of Lethbridge, PE138 (Poolside)

### **Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Course**

**Dates/Time:** Nov 19-21 and Nov 26-28 (times vary) **Location:** Fox Creek, AB | call (780) 622-2511 to register



# Filling Out Test Sheets for Faster, More Accurate Award Processing

Even small mistakes on test sheets can cause delays in processing awards. Refresh your memory on how to properly complete test sheets with this handy checklist, and help awards get processed faster!

### **Before the Course**

#### Check instructor currency

Instructors must be qualified to run the course, with a current award.

### Complete updates

Ensure instructors have completed all relevant updates (ex. the 2021 Bronze Medals update). Mandatory updates are can be found on our Program Updates page.

### Check candidate prerequisites

Use Find a Member to confirm candidate prerequisites on or before the first day. Prerequisites met by other certifying bodies must have a scanned copy included with the test sheet. Awards cannot be processed without prerequisites!

### **After the Course**

### Use the right form

Current forms are available on our <u>Test Sheets</u> page. Remember, the revised Bronze programs have a new test sheet!

### Complete the test sheet

Be thorough and fill out every test sheet completely, even duplicate information. Missing and incorrect information are the most common reasons for processing delays.

### Submit your test sheet

Test sheets are processed in the order they are received - the faster we get them, the faster candidates get their awards!

### Date of birth:

allows us to check age pre-requisites & is a secondary search in our database

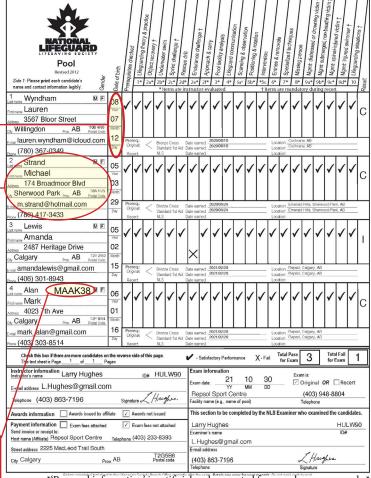
### Candidate contact info:

so candidates get their certification in the mail, and we can contact them if needed



### Include an ID#

Include the candidates Lifesaving Society ID next to their name for faster and more accurate test sheet processing



\*'Personal information' is artificial and generated for sample purposes only.\*



### Use fillable forms

Handwritten, scanned, and faxed test sheets can be difficult to read, increasing processing time and potential for errors. Fillable PDF forms are available on the Test Sheet page of www.LifeSaving.org