

June 20, 2010 (Sent 6-21-10 since the DSL lines were down until Monday morning. Sorry for the delay!)

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads!

What a difference a week makes. Last Sunday we had a couple of inches of snow for "Breakfast at the Lake", which was held in the protection of the Wapiti Center! Great breakfast burritos topped with Tamala's special green chili warmed the dozens of attendees. Today many of the Dads must be fishing, because there have been lots of folks picking up badge stickers and getting passes for guests to fish. The office is a busy place.

Everyone is reminded to be vigilant about educating the bear. **DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO DRINK FROM THE HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER OR MUNCH ON THE BIRD SEED.** Let them know it is **NOT** a pleasant experience. Taking time for the photo is **NOT** acceptable. They need to learn immediately and be reminded that there are natural foods that aren't accompanied by loud whistles and noisy people. Because of several bear sightings and reports of them sipping from hummingbird feeders in the middle of the day, which is alarming this early in the season, we must renew our efforts to protect the bear by **YELLING LOUDLY AND SCARING THEM AWAY.** I would encourage you to remove all bird feeders, so we can again educate, especially the younger bears, that proximity to people is not where they should be. Also **LOCK** your vehicles. I understand we've had a bear get into a vehicle this week. There's plenty of natural food for the birds and the bears. Don't trade the life of a bear for some seed or syrup, which you are doing if the bears learn that those feeders are available. That's the first step for them in becoming accustomed to humans. Then comes exploration of the car or the kitchen in pursuit of other yummy smells that may have easy food available. Remove all trash and close any lower windows so there is no easy access. Use the humane (1/2 inch extension only) unwelcome mats. Be a true friend to the bears; keep them alive, wild and well in Crystal Lakes; **SCARE THEM AWAY** from your tent, RV, cabin or car!

For more information on Living with Bears, look on the Crystal Lakes web site, attend the next Bear Aware meeting June 27th in the Wapiti Room at 10:00 a.m., come to a New Owners' Meeting – next scheduled for August 14th at 1:00 p.m. or pick up a brochure from the office.

On to other things. . .

The high water levels of last week have dropped, but the streams are still moving very fast. The water is extremely cold, since that stream water was snow pack yesterday. Hypothermia is a very real concern in the cold waters at Crystal Lakes. Be aware.

Sign up to participate in the July 4th Parade. The sign-up sheet is in the office. There are several categories, and prizes will be awarded. Participants are to meet at the Fire House at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th. Don't miss all the fun – strut your stuff, or come cheer on the parading units.

HELP WANTED: Part-time wait persons and a part-time dishwasher are needed at the

Restaurant at Crystal Lakes. Applications can be picked up at the CLA office. Other positions may also be available.

Plans for the Fishing Derbies are nearing completion. Don't miss the fun. Details for times for the various categories are listed in the last Bugle. July 3rd at Beaver Lake.

Fireworks display is set for July 3rd at dusk in Red Feather Lakes. The discharge of guns and the ignition of fireworks are prohibited in Crystal Lakes.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody