



*Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon
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AGM & Social.

Our AGM will be taking place on May 21, at Sky High Wilderness Ranch. We are combining the AGM with the first of a series of industry social events, aimed at strengthening relationships, and showcasing operator's products.

We want as many members as possible to attend this important meeting so that we can hear your successes, challenges, and ideas as we move forward into the 2015-2016 operating season. For this family friendly event, we'll be providing dinner, music, and all the puppies you can hug.

DATE: May 21
TIME: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
LOCATION: Sky High Wilderness Ranch
AGM: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Will you be attending? Please let us know how many of your family will be there by contacting the WTAY office

LAST CHANCE to sign up for the Small Vessel Operator Proficiency Training Course (SVOP)

This is your last chance to sign up for the SVOP/MED A3. Available spots are almost gone so please let us know if you, or an employee want to attend.

**We've estimated costs for members to be at \$500 but if our Yukon Government funding request is approved, we will provide the course at no charge. Partial funding will result in a reduced fee of less than \$500.*

Courses offered: SVOP & MED A3

COST: \$500 (or less)

Dates: May 11-15.

Location: Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre, Classroom B

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Breaks: Snacks and refreshments will be provided at 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Lunch Break: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., lunch is not being provided

Members can also apply for Yukon Tourism Training Fund (YTTF) to offset their personal costs for these courses. Federal regulations state that if you're operating a passenger vessel which is carrying more than 6 passengers, or if you are using your boat for work, and it is over 8 meters, the operator must have their SVOP certification. Certification for MED A3 is also needed.

Kelly Fraser is our new WTAY Manager

Kelly started work with us on April 14 and brings with him many years of business management and administrative experience. He arrived here from Winnipeg in 2006 but grew up in Kenora, Ontario, a small city very similar to Whitehorse.

He's a former Administrator of the Yukon Tourism Training Fund and has spent much of his time exploring the Yukon on foot, by snowshoes, on skis, and by kayak. He's looking forward to serving our membership for years to come.

We're saying goodbye to Chris Wilkinson

Sadly, Chris will be leaving us shortly after the AGM on May 21. He and his family are moving to beautiful Cape Breton Island, to be closer to families both here in Canada and in England. Chris has done a fantastic job during his three year stay with us and he'll be missed. We offer our best wishes as he moves on to further adventures in another part of Canada and we hope that WTAY members take an opportunity to wish him farewell at the AGM.

Cheers Chris,

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If you have information of interest to WTAY Members for the E-News, please send to info@wtay.com

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