



*Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon
E-News Blast for Thursday, May 8, 2015*

This issue:

**Come meet the puppies and enjoy a horseback ride at the AGM
Federally Required SVOP Course Starts Monday**

AGM

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, there will be a catered dinner, live music from a local musician, an opportunity for you and the kids to play with the sled dog puppies, and short horseback rides will be available. All of these great activities are being offered to you for FREE!

DATE: May 21

TIME: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

LOCATION: Sky High Wilderness Ranch

AGM: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For catering purposes, we need to know how many people are attending. This includes both you and family or friends. Please contact the WTAY offices with those details.

Small Vessel Operator Proficiency Training Course (SVOP)

This is your last chance to sign up for the SVOP/MED A3.

If you operate a powered boat that carries more than 6 passengers, you MUST have this certification.

Space is still available and we can accept applications up to 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 11.

**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.

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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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