



**SNOW CASTLE
MARCH 16**

KINETA MICHEL AND ANNIE STRUS enjoyed some of YKACL's outdoor spring Youth Group activities in past years. Both Youth Groups attend the Snow Castle every March.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!

by YKACL staff

BOTH YKACL YOUTH GROUPS plan to share outdoor activities this month as members embrace warm, sunny weather.

On Saturday, March 16, the groups are scheduled to visit the 24th annual Snow Castle! Group members will meet at the Abe Miller Building (4912 53 Street) at 2pm and return by 4:30pm.

YKACL's two youth groups meet twice monthly and always encourage new participants to get involved!

The Young Adults Group welcomes young people aged 19 to 27, with or without a disability.

The Yay Fusion! Teen Group welcomes teens aged 13 to 18, with or without a disability.

To participate in the Snow Castle visit or the many other upcoming YKACL Youth Group events, please contact Michael at 920-2644 or email inclusion2@ykacl.ca.



**"GREAT
ACHIEVEMENT"**

JOSHUA BOUDREAU EARNS ATHLETIC HONOURS IN ALTA.

COMPETITIVE SPEED SKATER Joshua Boudreau took home four medals from the 2019 Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games.

Josh earned the four silver medals in four speed-skating categories during the Games, held Feb. 8 to 10 in Calgary.

"I've been Josh's respite worker since February 2016. I used to bring him to his training every Monday. It was his first time joining a competitive sport," said Michael Ramirez.

"Josh's great achievement is an inspiration to other individuals that have disabilities and to all support workers that work hard for their clients to be successful in life."

Parent & Family Questionnaire

YKACL Family & Children's Services staff seek feedback as they plan spring events

by YKACL staff

YKACL FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES facilitator Julia Gill is reaching out to families for fresh ideas! She has distributed a brief questionnaire to collect feedback and suggestions for future Parent & Family Night events. Email inclusion4@ykacl.ca for your copy!

The next Parent & Family Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 7pm in the Abe Miller Building (4912 53rd Street).

The monthly event offers an opportunity for parents and caregivers of individuals with disabilities to drop in for casual conversation with other family members.

If you require on-site childcare, please RSVP to Julia at 920-2644.



JULIA GILL jumped into the role of Family & Children's Services Facilitator in February.

Gumboot Rally

THE EWOKS
now accepting donations



THE EWOKS are actively raising money for YKACL. So far *Rêverie* (above) and her siblings – ages 2-12 – have raised \$275!

THE EWOKS Gumboot Rally team is now accepting online pledges in support of YKACL!

Made up of siblings and cousins, the team raised more than \$400 during the 2018 Gumboot Rally as Batman & Robin's Superhero Team.

This year, the team aims to raise \$500 by collecting refundable recyclables from supporters on weekends until April 27.

Contact the team at superykteam@gmail.com to arrange pickup from your household, business or organization today!

Find The Ewoks' donor page address listed at YKACL.CA.

**HELP US YK.
YOU'RE OUR
ONLY HOPE!**

JOIN THE REBELLION.

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**Form a 5-member
team based on a
Star Wars theme!
Register: 920-2644**

**Gumboot
RALLY**

May 4th, 2019



Always work to be done
at Vinnies Thrift Store



JULIANNE FORTIN
works a regular shift at
Vinnies Thrift Store on
Old Airport Road.

A VISIT TO VINNIES
Thrift Store always
holds a few surprises,
whether it's a neighbour
to chat with, barely-used
Mountain Equipment Co-
op gear in just your size,
or a pop-up \$10-fill-your-
bag sale.

Behind the scenes it
takes a lot of hard work
to keep this buzzing retail
space tidy and appealing
to customers.

Julianne Fortin is one
of the staff who keeps
the store on track every
week. The long-time
YKACL Employment
Services client organizes
the display racks, sweeps
up and provides help
wherever she is needed.

The Disability Supports Deduction & Working Income Tax Benefit may save you money this tax year!

from Transition Magazine

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER and, of course, tax deadline is not far behind! There are many benefits, tax credits and deductions that may be available to people with disabilities and their families to potentially help save your family money.

Some of these benefits are non-refundable (they reduce the amount of tax you pay) and others are refundable (you receive money back). We will share some of these benefits (with amounts for the 2017 tax year) in the YKACL Newsletter, as compiled by our friends at Disability Alliance BC (disabilityalliancebc.org)

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The Disability Supports Deduction

(Line 215)

This is an amount a person with a disability may claim that reduces the amount of their income for their tax return. Only the person with the "physical or mental impairment" may claim this deduction. In some situations, the person with the disability must also have the DTC.

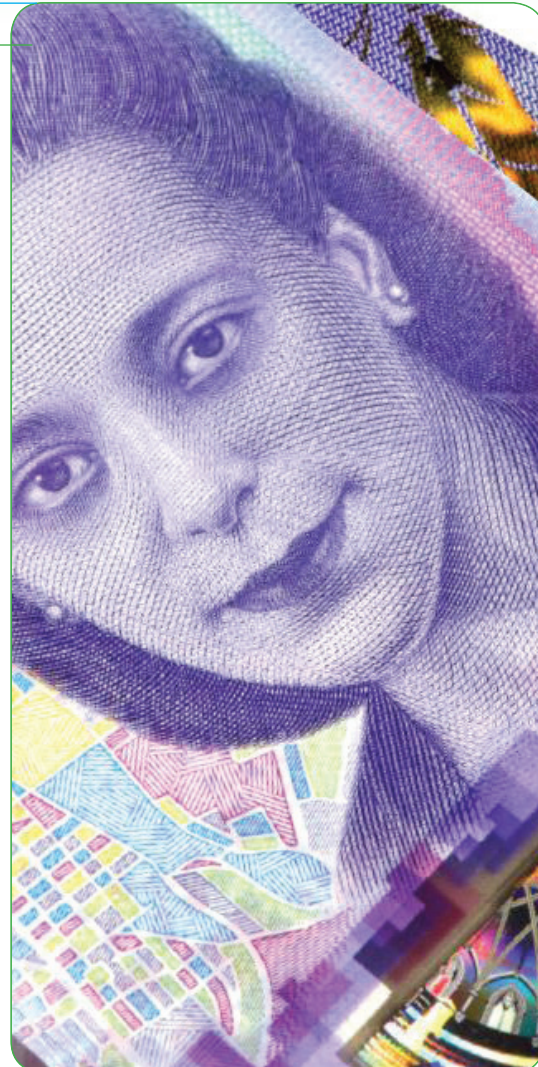
The tax-filer may only claim this deduction if they have incurred medical costs to be able to work, carry on a business, attend a designated secondary school or educational institution or to complete post-secondary research. Only the cost of certain devices or services, which a medical practitioner has prescribed, may be claimed.

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Working Income Tax Benefit

(Line 453, and related disability supplement)

To be eligible for the Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB) and the disability supplement, a person with a disability must be approved for the DTC. In BC, for 2017, the person needed a working income of more than \$2,295, but less than \$24,010. In the same year, BC families would be eligible to claim the WITB and disability supplement, if either one or both



The Disability Supports Deduction and the Working Income Tax Benefit may reduce the amount of tax you need to pay in 2019, among other financial benefits!

spouses have a disability and the disabled spouse or spouses had a working income of \$2,295, but less than \$36,414. In a family, only one spouse may claim the WITB and the person who is eligible for the disability supplement should claim it. If both spouses qualify for the WITB disability supplement, they can both claim the disability supplement.