

BRANCH MONTH END MAIL OUT

To ensure the wildlife legacy left to our children surpasses that which we inherited.

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The signs of spring in Saskatchewan are all around: the snow is melting and the ice is leaving the lakes and rivers, geese are starting to fill the sky and gophers are popping up everywhere. Whatever your favourite spring activity is, we encourage you to take a step outside and enjoy!

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OUTDOOR CANADA WEST MAGAZINE

The First Outdoor Canada West magazine for 2016 members will be the May/June issue, and will run till the March/April issue of 2017. Any memberships that were not into Central Office by March 18 will NOT receive the first magazine.



Mary Jacobs - Estevan Branch

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Inform Central Office of any **changes to your executive**.
- ✓ Registration is now open for the **12th Annual Habitat Trust Golf Tournament** (page 10).
- ✓ **Women's Outdoor Weekend** (page 11), and **Conservation Camp** (page 7) are now accepting applications!
- ✓ Please share the **2016 Fish Artwork Contest** with your younger branch members and encourage them to submit their artwork.
- ✓ Please **check your membership numbers** carefully! This is the first time Central Office has done a data import and we want to ensure it's correct.

Spring Regional Meetings:

- **Region 1** - April 24 - hosted by the Humboldt Wildlife Federation
- **Region 2** - April 9th - hosted by the Witchekan Wildlife Federation
- **Region 3** - April 10th - hosted by East Shore Wildlife Federation
- **Region 4** - April 10th - hosted by Moose Mountain Wildlife Federation
- **Region 5** - April 24th - hosted by Kerrobert & District Wildlife Federation
- **Region 6** - April 17th - hosted by Swift Current Wildlife Federation

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2 - SWF Provincial Angling & HK Big Game Awards Banquet

April 2 - Willowbrook WF Banquet & Awards

April 2 - Moose Mountain WF Supper & Auction

April 3 - Tisdale WF Annual Fish Fry

April 9 - Region 2 Spring Meeting

April 9 - Porcupine Plain WF Banquet Night

April 9 - Swift Current WF Fundraiser

April 9 - Valley Trails WF Banquet & Awards Night

April 9 - Weyburn WF 'Fred Garner Memorial' Banquet & Awards Night

April 9 - Save-A-Goose WF Trophy Night Banquet & Fundraiser

April 10 - Region 4 Spring Meeting

April 10 - Region 3 Spring Meeting

April 16 - Struthers Lake WF Banquet & Awards Night

April 16 - Dirt Hills WF Fish Fry & Awards Night

April 16 - Outlook & District WF Fish Fry

April 16 - Sturgis WF Awards, Banquet & Dance

April 17 - Region 7 Spring Meeting

April 21 - Lloydminster & District FGA Fish Fry

April 23 - Souris Moose Creek WF 25th Anniversary F/R Dinner & Action

April 23 - Nipawin Fish & Game Annual Awards Night & Fundraiser

April 23 - Watrous WF Awards Night & Banquet

April 23 - Estevan WF Fundraiser

April 24 - Region 5 Spring Meeting

April 24 - Region 1 Spring Meeting

May 5 - 2016/17 Fishing Season Open Southern Zone

May 7 - Boundary Dam Walleye Classic

May 15 - 2016/17 Fishing Season Open Central Zone

May 25 - 2016/17 Fishing Season Open Northern Zone

Be sure to visit the calendar of events page on the website for event details and locations:

<http://swf.sk.ca/events/>



SWF RELEASE RULER

Introducing the SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION (SWF) RELEASE RULER!

This lightweight and durable ruler is a CATCH & RELEASE ruler designed specifically for our Saskatchewan walleye & northern pike. The ruler includes standard inch and centimeter measurements, and approximate weight measurements in kilograms and pounds (developed from provincial fish data).

This ruler promotes successful catch and release by reducing the amount of time the fish needs to be handled and out of the water. The ruler is a flexible waterproof PVC material, allowing anglers to get an accurate weight estimate just by measuring its length. The ruler rolls up for easy storage in your tackle box or boat

This ruler is manufactured by the folks at Release Ruler (www.releaseruler.com) and is **ONLY** available for sale through the SWF Central Office.

Cost: \$15 + shipping



Save the shipping cost and pick one up at the Regina Outdoor Sports Show, the Parkland Outdoor Show and the Provincial Awards Banquet!

CHANGES IN RULES FOR SWF PROVINCIAL ANGLING AWARDS

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Provincial Angling Awards are open to all SWF members fishing in Saskatchewan. Anglers can enter a fish whether they keep it or release it. To enter a kept fish, the fish must be weighed. Conversely, to enter a released fish, the length and girth of the fish had to be measured and submitted. To compare the fish entered in the competition, officials at the SWF would convert the length and girth measurements to a weight using one of several formulas to estimate the weight of the released fish. This procedure is very challenging and problematic as the formulas work well to estimate the weight of an "average-sized" fish but often become very inaccurate when the fish are larger or smaller than average.

This problem has prompted a change to how fish are recorded in the competition and to the rules that anglers must follow to enter a fish. **Starting January 1, 2017 only entries with weights will be accepted** from members and branches for released fish. The fish can and **must be weighed using a handheld digital scale**. Anglers are encouraged to adopt these new rules immediately and to submit their 2016 entries with weights, but the SWF will continue to accept length and girth measurements for released fish until December 31, 2016 to ensure a smooth transition to the new rules.

The SWF strives to continually improve its programs for members and branches. The new competition rules are listed on the next page. Should you have any questions, please contact your branch or the SWF Central Office at 306-692-8812 or sask.wildlife@sasktel.net.

RULES FOR SWF PROVINCIAL ANGLING AWARDS

Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
Provincial Annual Fisheries Competition
Rules & Regulations

1. Competition is open from January 1st to December 31st. Branches are responsible for forwarding their top entries in each category to Central Office by January 15th for the previous competition year.
2. Fish must be legally caught in Saskatchewan waters during regular open seasons.
3. Trophies are only given out to current members of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. The membership must be purchased before the fish being entered was caught.
4. Besides keeper trophies for the largest fish in each category, trophies will also be given out for Master Angler and Fly Fishing Award.
5. SWF Provincial Fisheries Awards will be given out for the following species: Arctic Grayling, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Burbot, Cutthroat Trout, Goldeye, Lake Trout, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Perch, Rainbow Trout, Sauger, Smallmouth Bass, Splake, Tiger Trout, Walleye, Whitefish, and Junior awards (16 years of age and under) for Brook Trout, Goldeye, Lake Trout, Northern Pike, Perch, Rainbow Trout, and Walleye.
6. Entry forms are available from SWF Central Office, 9 Lancaster Rd., Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1M8, sask.wildlife@sasktel.net
7. Fish taken by spear fishing will not qualify for any SWF awards.
8. Catch and release will be in the same category as kept fish for SWF awards. ***All entries (Kept and Catch & Release) are required to be weighed on a digital or government scale, and be witnessed where possible.***
9. Fish must be caught with a rod, reel, and/or line (or ice fishing apparatus) and must be played only by the person listed as the angler.
11. Fish caught in private waters, artificially raised to maturity or illegally transplanted from waters outside of Saskatchewan are not eligible for awards.
12. It is the responsibility of the angler to correctly identify the fish. Incorrectly identified fish will be disqualified.
13. All entries must be accompanied by a photo of the fish. Photos become the property of the SWF and the SWF retains the rights to use the photo.
14. The entrant must provide further information if requested by the SWF officials.
15. In its decision, the SWF reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and all decisions of the SWF officials are final.

Note: Some branches have adopted additional rules for their local competitions. Please consult with your branch.

2016 FISH ARTWORK CONTEST



SWF 2016 FISH ARTWORK CONTEST



Submit your original and creative entries showing native Saskatchewan fish in their natural habitat!

Contest runs April 1st to May 31st and is open to Saskatchewan students in Grades 4 -6. Submissions can be colour or black & white, painting, drawing or pastels. Only 8.5x11 paper please. Native fish species include: Walleye, Yellow Perch, Lake Trout, Northern Pike, Lake Sturgeon and Arctic Grayling.

Mail entries to:

Laurel Waldner, SWF Education Coordinator
SWF Central Office, 9 Lancaster Road, Moose Jaw, SK S6J1M8
Include: Student name, grade, teacher and school

SWF Fishing package for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!



HANNIN CREEK CAMP WORK PARTY

Hannin Creek Education Facility needs your help in renovations. The SWF is looking for **30** volunteers to spend a weekend at the facility and help with renovations. **We are looking for cooks, labourers, electricians, plumbers and any volunteers willing to help out!**

- Metal roofs - cabins 1-10
- Flooring cabins 1, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Casing and base boards cabins 1, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Paint cabins 1, 6, 7, 8
- Quonset back doors to be fixed
- Water line from pump house to mess hall put underground
- Walk-in cooler to be painted and cleaned
- Paint garbage can
- Men's 3rd stall toilet to be fixed
- All electrical boxes marked
- Removal of trees
- Tack up loose boards and eaves
- Removal of vegetation and underbrush around buildings
- Switch plate covers where needed
- Remove and replace drywall Quonset tool room
- Fridge from cabin 9 taken to the dump
- Docks installed - if ice off of the creek
- Propane fitting to be fixed on stove
- Electric wall mount heater to be installed

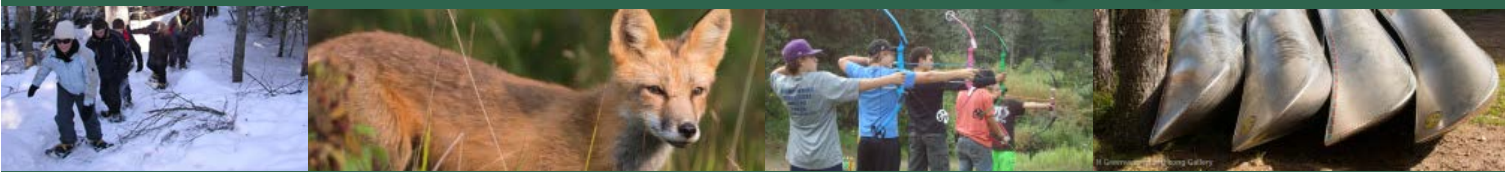
Food and lodging will be provided, but you must bring your own bedding.

Please contact Laurel Waldner, Education Coordinator, if you are able to volunteer your time at lwaldner.swf@sasktel.net or 306 - 692 - 8812.

HANNIN CREEK EDUCATION FACILITY

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION AND
SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC

*Where an ordinary moment
becomes an extraordinary experience.*



CONSERVATION CAMP 2016

SWF YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP 2016



HANNIN CREEK CAMP, CANDLE LAKE, SK

AGES: 12 - 15 YEARS

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 13, 2016



BOYS CAMP:
July 23-29 2016



GIRLS CAMP:
July 17-23 2016



TRAPPING
CANOEING
FISHING
ARCHERY
SHOOTING
FUN, FRIENDS
& MORE!

Contact Laurel Waldner for registration
lwaldner.swf@sasktel.net or 306-692-8812

MARCH 2016 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Branches should check their totals to this sheet every month. If there are discrepancies between the two totals, please contact Central Office.

Active Branch Since	REGION ONE (28)	2016	2016	2016	2016
	Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual	
1954	Basin Lake	23	11	11	22
1971	Bruno	213	76	78	154
2011	Carrot River	217	23	22	45
1961	Creighton	205	57	42	99
1989	Cub Hills	448	182	210	392
1967	Cudworth	131	50	31	81
1947	Humboldt	466	209	128	337
1968	La Ronge	151	52	41	93
1970	Lake Lenore	210	33	40	73
1958	Leask Marcelin	195	78	89	167
1957	Lucien Lake	121			0
1975	Mallard	224	103	94	197
1955	Melfort	468	134	131	265
1980	Mistatim	113	48	31	79
1970	Naiverdale	41			0
1944	Nipawin	251	76	66	142
1980	Park View	156	28	46	74
2010	Porcupine	207	28	40	68
1947	Prince Albert	634	266	216	482
1954	St. Brieux	35			0
1977	St. Peters	219	98	106	204
1952	Shellbrook	550	293	170	463
1994	Stony Rapids	33	13	8	21
1966	Struthers Lake	315	141	121	262
1945	Tisdale	752	292	357	649
1982	Valley Trails	760	188	165	353
1985	Wakaw	14			0
1976	Weldon	146	40	47	87
	Regional	7278	2519	2290	4809

Active Branch Since	REGION TWO (17)	2016	2016	2016	2016
	Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual	
1939	Battlefords	329	127	94	221
1987	BEAVER RIVER***	37	19	29	48
2012	Cater Lake	150	53	41	94
1979	CUT KNIFE***	158	111	110	221
1992	Dorintosh	80	29	25	54
1954	Fielding	230	96	72	168
1947	Lloydminster	1802	1001	356	1357
2008	Lost Horse Creek	91	11	10	21
1983	Macklin	283	108	123	231
1947	Meadow Lake	162	38	27	65
1980	Redberry	136	39	42	81
1973	ST. WALBURG***	120	87	66	153
1981	Thickwood Hills	233	70	120	190
1980	Turtle River	127	78	47	125
1951	Unity	157	84	51	135
1947	Wilkie	35	19	11	30
1972	Witcheakan	471	222	160	382
	Regional	4606	2192	1384	3576

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Branches exceeding their 2016 target	14
Regions exceeding their 2016 target	0
Regular Members	12084
Affiliate Members	9768
Provincial Members	59
Corporate Members	4
2016 Memberships to Jan 31, 2016	21,955
2015 Memberships to Jan 31, 2015	21,300
INCREASE	655

*** Indicates Branches that have met or exceeded their Membership targets. Congratulations!

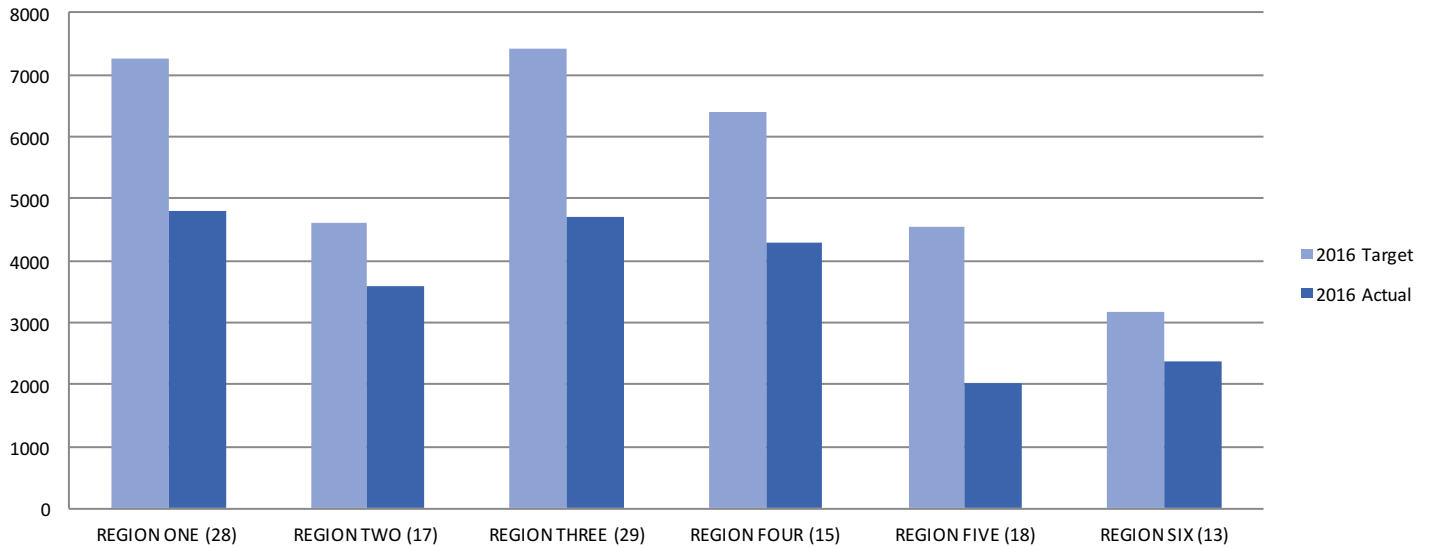
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Active Branch Since	REGION THREE (29)	2016	2016	2016	2016	Active Branch Since	REGION FOUR (15)	2016	2016	2016	2016
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1975	Beaver Hills	237	124	87	211						
1957	Buchanan	125	29	35	64	1993	Boggy Creek	527	179	148	327
1957	Canora	277	78	88	166	1953	Broadview	189	73	84	157
1970	Delwood	52	19	27	46	1952	Estevan	1048	289	197	486
1979	East Shore	184	68	72	140	1970	GRENFELL***	242	111	135	246
1990	Endeavor	5			0	1977	Indian Head	206	76	58	134
1959	Esterhazy	657	79	46	125	2002	Moose Mountain	339	83	122	205
1980	Foam Lake	351	105	91	196	1987	Radville	112	50	45	95
1980	Fort Qu'Appelle	120	44	32	76	1967	Redvers	311	112	142	254
1973	Hudson Bay	422	122	121	243	1962	Regina	1180	473	247	720
1947	KAMSACK***	101	75	90	165	1981	ROCANVILLE***	461	212	251	463
1974	Kuroki	211	23	18	41	1982	Save-A-Goose	503	100	146	246
1966	Langenburg	176	60	67	127	1990	Souris Moose Creek	213	87	95	182
1986	Leroy	62	24	23	47	1987	Wapella Pipestone	360	151	203	354
1977	Loon Creek	177	64	52	116	1968	Wawota	356	121	124	245
1939	Melville	866	273	149	422	1950	Weyburn	360	105	86	191
1949	Norquay	304	118	140	258		Regional	6403	2222	2083	4305
1980	Parkland	188	89	84	173						
1990	Pheasant Creek	69	39	28	67						
1966	PREECEVILLE***	314	183	154	337						
1989	River Ridge	258	58	72	130						
1977	Sturgis	266	94	102	196						
1990	Timberline	56	27	18	45						
1967	Touchwood Hills	631	281	296	577						
1980	VALLEY VIEW***	143	64	79	143						
1964	Watson-Englefeld	225	44	28	72						
1980	Whitesand	144	55	68	123						
1988	Willowbrook	572	164	154	318						
1947	Yorkton	264	57	40	97						
	Regional	7438	2460	2261	4721						
Active Branch Since	REGION SIX (13)	2016	2016	2016	2016	Active Branch Since	REGION FIVE (18)	2016	2016	2016	2016
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1953	Assiniboia	247	148	52	200	1978	ARM RIVER***	40	28	29	57
1988	Buffalo Lake	26	13	3	16	2016	BEAR HILLS***	15	78	35	113
1965	Deep South	85	15	4	19	1947	Biggar	430	136	86	222
1999	Dirt Hills	715	322	183	505	1983	Brightwater Blackstrap	144	60	53	113
1996	Great Sandhills	113	73	26	99	1961	Central Butte	220	82	69	151
1953	Maple Creek	290	165	90	255	1971	Eagle Creek	205	85	68	153
1947	Moose Jaw	628	187	154	341	1983	Elbow	106	10	9	19
2012	ROCKGLEN***	21	17	6	23	1981	Kerrobert	192	76	46	122
1961	Shaunavon	232	102	94	196	1955	Kindersley	388	98	79	177
2001	South Shore	34			0	1957	Kyle	293	123	117	240
1947	Swift Current	656	343	238	581	1989	Luseland	71			0
2009	Willow Bunch	34	16	12	28	1971	Outlook	310	97	70	167
1987	WIWI CREEK***	91	76	26	102	1950	ROSETOWN***	52	35	36	71
	Regional	3172	1477	888	2365	1939	Saskatoon	1705	139	59	198
						1980	Snipe Lake	24	12	6	18
						2000	Viscount	33	22	9	31
						1993	Watrous	299	78	65	143
						1979	Young	45	29	12	41
							Regional	4560	1188	848	2036

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MARCH 2016 MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

REGIONAL PROGRESS



**12th ANNUAL HABITAT TRUST
GOLF TOURNAMENT
TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2016**

Registration now OPEN!
Harbour Golf Club & Resort in Elbow, SK
\$90 Registration includes golf, cart and BBQ supper
Shot gun start at noon

To register, or for more information, contact the SWF at 1-877-SWF-WILD or 306-692-8812
swf.sk.ca or sask.wildlife@sasktel.net

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR WEEKEND




September 30 - October 2, 2016
Hannin Creek Education Facility, Candle Lake

Join us for an SWF Women's Outdoor Weekend! This is an opportunity to learn new skills, try your hand at fun activities and increase your outdoor confidence. You'll be joined by our friendly experienced staff and other adventure-seeking women. This is a weekend you won't want to miss, and one you won't soon forget!

\$175 for Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) members
 \$200 for non-members - *special bonus includes a Provincial SWF membership!*

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:	WHAT TO BRING:
✓ Canoe and kayak trips	✓ Sleeping bag and pillow
✓ Wild plant identification	✓ Towel and toiletries
✓ Geocaching	✓ Sun screen and bug spray
✓ Star gazing	✓ Travel mug
	✓ Outdoor clothing for all types of weather and

For more information on our Women's Outdoor Weekend, or to register, contact Laurel Waldner, SWF Education Coordinator, at 306-692-8812 or lwaldner.swf@sasktel.net.