



Making Special Events Real



"Spring into it!" – the challenge was put out to the Britannia Community in Vancouver's East Commercial drive area. And local families responded by **springing** into the 4 hour family carnival event at Britannia Community centre designed and delivered by Langara College Recreation Leadership students in the Rec. 1168 Class.

This community event was one of four across the lower mainland that Langara Rec students organized as the major project for the Program Planning Design and Evaluation course in the second term of the Recreation Leadership Diploma program. Act Now – a family wellness fair at Douglas Park Community Centre, Jungle Fever – an active afternoon for Churchill High School students, and Spring into Action – an activity and healthy food gym session for elementary students at Maywood School in Burnaby, were other community events planned and implemented by Rec. 1168 students.

What seems an overwhelming task on the first day of class – through hard work, turns into one of the student highlights of the Recreation Leadership Diploma Program. Students learn Program Planning theory in class while concurrently working within groups of 4 or 5 to partner with a recreation organization in the

community and put on a special event.

"It is a fantastic AHA moment when the event happens", says Janet Ready, Rec. 1168 instructor, "I see the students who have worked so hard from the idea stage to making it happen -- navigating challenging group dynamics, working with a recreation organization and making theory real to create a really High Quality Recreation Experience for a community. As the event unfolds, they move from nervous anticipation of hoping everything goes smoothly to this place of 'WOW – we made something really cool happen for this community' that's my reward as an instructor participating in this journey and seeing their pride in the end result, making that 'magic' of recreation happen."

The task of making a community event happen in real life is just one of the practical challenges of the Recreation Leadership Program at Langara College. Practical application of skills and knowledge with the opportunity to network with Recreation Programmers in the field is a theme that resonates through the Recreation Leadership Diploma. Ask any students who have completed the Rec. 1168 course, there is a special insight gained in using theory to create a real recreation experience for people in our communities.

2 + 2 = Bachelor of Recreation Management (BRM) Degree at Langara College
2 year - Recreation Leadership Diploma Program
2 year - BRM Degree Completion Program*— fully on-line delivery

*the BRM completion program can be completed in 2 years for a full time student, or students can choose a part-time option.

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Accepting Applications Now for Sept. 2009 Recreation Leadership Diploma Program

Are you currently working in Recreation but need more education to move forward?

Are you supervising staff who are very talented, but need the awareness and background an education in recreation can provide?

The Langara College Recreation Leadership Diploma combines a strong foundation in the concepts and theory of recreation and leisure with leadership, communication and business skills development tailored to a recreation practitioner. Practical experience is emphasized throughout the program,



both in the classroom and in the field.

Each student has the opportunity to develop their personal portfolio within the recreation field, and to directly apply their knowledge during internship.

Graduates of the Recreation Leadership Diploma have the skills, knowledge and ability for direct leadership, instructor, and some entry-level supervisory jobs.

For more information call Vince Kreiser at 604-323-5276 or email vkreiser@langara.bc.ca

The new Bachelor of Recreation Management (BRM) degree at Langara College gives graduates of the Recreation Leadership Diploma a direct route into a two year (full time) degree completion program that is completely on-line.

Bachelor of Recreation Management Degree

Langara College is proud to announce that the Bachelor of Recreation Management (BRM) Degree is up and running. You can register for the BRM and begin in September, January or May.

The BRM is a degree completion program (third and fourth year of a bachelor's degree) for students who have a recreation diploma or the equivalent (see Admissions Requirements) and who are interested in pursuing entry-level and middle management careers in the Recreation Field. The program is flexible and student-focused and combines a solid foundation in management theory and practical knowledge with specialized courses in recreation. Students will work closely with recreation organizations, applying their knowledge to real-life situations as they learn.

The BRM can be completed in two years (six semesters) if taken on a full-time basis but students also have the option of completing it part-time. All courses in the BRM are offered on-line.

Students entering the BRM will have some experience in the recreation field and in the final semester, students will work as members of a cross-functional consulting team for a recreation facility or organization on a major applied project.

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Or check out our website:

<http://www.langara.bc.ca/management-business/recreation/programs.html#007>

Recreation Advisory Committee

The Recreation Advisory Committee is made up of recreation practitioners who provide advice to the administration and faculty at Langara College in the Recreation Diploma and Degree programs. With the Recreation Advisory committee we strive to ensure our programs reflect the current needs of the recreation field.

Current Members:

Ron Booth
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Surf RECWEB for great info

Recweb is a great site for finding out what current Recreation Leadership students are up to, job postings in the Recreation field, and news articles