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Hello Curling Clubs!

Just wanted to touch base with you and get the ball rolling...errr...the rock sliding!

As Penny informed you, I've been contracted by Curl BC to train new Rocks & Rings Instructors in Penticton, Summerland, Princeton, Osoyoos and Oliver. There has been interest and requests from schools (and seniors homes) in your region (specifically Penticton and Summerland) that we're currently unable to fulfill due to the lack of trained Instructors. Let's work together to fix this! It's a great program! I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to deliver training in your area and ultimately have our awesome sport gain some new exposure to kids in your communities. The program is very effective in teaching the FUNdamentals of Curling and planting that all-important seed of interest. Basic information about Curl BC's adapted floor curling program, CAN Curl, will be also be included, as well as tips and tools for including children with disabilities into the Rocks & Rings program. Our collective goal is to engage a new generation of Curlers who will enhance the health and sustainability of our sport, and Curling Centres, for the long term.

THE PLAN

The Rocks & Rings Instructor training is a three-part process.

1. A 2 to 3 hour training and information workshop. Q&A etc.
2. An in-school mentorship day.
3. Completion of a criminal record check (vulnerable sector). This can be done on-line at www.mybackcheck.com. This must be completed before you are allowed to work in schools on your own.

Ideally, I would like to run the 'training workshop' at your Curling Club or school the day before the 'in-school mentorship day'. The timeline for this training is somewhat flexible, but I'd like to set a target of opportunity for February 11th to 28th.

***** The training is FREE OF CHARGE for your region! *****

ROCKS & RINGS INSTRUCTORS

This is a Curl BC contract position. The pay is \$100 for a FULL-DAY (4 hours or more) and \$70 for a HALF-DAY (less than 4 hours).

If you *do not* wish to be paid for your time as an Instructor you may allocate your pay to the 'Curling For Life Endowment Fund' OR your local Curling Club.

More information regarding time sheets and school bookings will be covered at the workshop.

EQUIPMENT

There is currently one set of the specialized Rocks & Rings equipment in your region (Penticton). Instructors will be responsible for arranging the pick/up delivery of the equipment to your area when it is needed. We may utilize Greyhound or a volunteer to relocate the equipment when required. We're hoping for a bit of good will and neighborly cooperation in this regard. ☺ Once the equipment is in *your* area, Curl BC will pay Instructors mileage to/from home/schools at the rate of \$0.43/km.

THE NEXT STEP

Please get back to me and let me know if this could work for you and your club at this time. Further, if there are dates that are preferable to you or dates that are not possible/convenient. Also, let me know if you already have folks in mind that would like to receive this training and forward me their names and email addresses. Once times/dates are set we will proceed with some local and web advertising to promote the training opportunity. Feel free to let me know if there is a particular school in your town that you think would like to have us in for the 'mentorship day'. This is a good deal for the school as there is NO CHARGE to them for this day. Normally schools are charged \$175, which covers all the costs associated with the program. This low cost is made possible due to the sponsorship of Capital One.

Once I hear back from the various clubs in your region, I will start to construct a more concrete plan in terms of times/dates and participant registration. I will also contact the school(s) and coordinate accordingly.

Thanks and Good Curling!

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