


PURCELL MOUNTAIN LODGE
October Newsletter 2017



Photo By Zoya Lynch Photography

Autumn's crisp mornings and colourful fall leaves brings a sense of excitement for all outdoor enthusiasts. It is comforting knowing winter is on the way. The first snowfall was in mid September and now over 90 cm of soft landing powder has accumulated. It is time to get your ski legs conditioned and plan your getaway from city life. The season rings in with holiday tours starting December 15 and thru to January 8. Our stellar program of guided and catered tours commence in January and continue to April. All tours are catered to guest's abilities and activity level. Guests with more experience in the backcountry can consider participating in our self guided and catered or self catered option. The most up to date tour dates and rates can be found on our website or by calling Jackie at 1 888 767 8989.

December Holiday Tours Availability

December 15-December 18
Hello December Weekend Three night stay
December 18-December 22
Pre Christmas Escape to the Mountains Four night stay
December 22-December 26
Christmas in the Backcountry Tour **SOLD OUT**
December 26-December 29
Almost New Year's Tour Four night stay Limited Space
December 29-January 1
Annual New Year's Eve Extravaganza **SOLD OUT**
January 1-January 5
Happy 2018 Tour Four Night Stay
January 5-January 8
First Weekend in 2018 Limited Space



Avalanche Safety Training AST 2 Course

December 11- December 15 (6 seats available)

January 8 - January 12 (limited seats)

AST Provider: Yamnuska Mountain Adventure

\$1700 Four day Course all inclusive

Course Instructor all material, helicopter transportation from Golden B.C. with Alpine Helicopters, private accommodations, healthy hearty mountain meals, appetizers, hosts and all amenities.

AST 2 Certificate Upon Completion of Course



Planning Ahead The Value of Avalanche Training

Before heading off into the backcountry a full assessment of the terrain should be taken into consideration. Then a final decision should be made whether or not it is safe to ride in the backcountry Skiing and snowboarding in untouched mountain terrain takes an entirely different approach to groomed runs at a ski resort. An area that may have been



safe yesterday doesn't mean it is safe to ride there again. Snow is made of many different layers and is affected by wind, sun, overnight temperatures and new snowfall. A plan should be formulated with your entire group with a few different rescue scenarios. Planning ahead is crucial, when you get to the top of the mountain emotions can take over. It is at these times where it is most important to stick to the plan. A great plan for December and January is to join us at Purcell Mountain Lodge and allow us help you get ready for the winter season by taking a Avalanche Safety Training course. The AST 2 course will give you a solid foundation of safety in the backcountry. There is no better place to take the AST 2 then at Purcell Lodge.

Purcell Mountain Lodge & Yamnuska Mountain Adventures AST Level 2 Raffle
Call 1 888 787 8989 to enter the AST 2 draw if you are unable to attend in person.

Planning on attending the Banff Film Festival? Stop by and say hello and enter to win a spot to attend the AST 2 course at Purcell Mountain Lodge. Entry forms available at both the Yamnuska Mountain Adventures and Purcell Mountain Lodge Booths.

One Ticket for \$20.00 or Two Tickets for \$30.00

Banff Film Festival
Mountain Market November 3-5
2016 Laszlo Funtek Room 224

Friday 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

January & February Welcome 2018 Tours

January 1-5 & January 5-8 Fully Catered & Guided Tours

January 8-12 Yamnuska Mountain Adventures AST 2 (Limited Spots)

January 12-29 Self Catered and Self Guided Tour (8 Spots Left)

January 29-February 2 - Fully Catered & Guided Tour (4 Spots Available)

February 2- February 5 Fully Catered & Fully Guided Tour (6 Spots Available)

February 5-9 Self Catered & Self Guided Tour (8 Spots Available)

February 9-12 Fully Catered & Guided or Self Catered & Self Guided Tour

February 12-16 Fully Catered & Guided or Self Catered and Self Guided Tour (4 Spots Available)

February 16-19 Fully Catered & Guided or Self Catered & Self Guided Tour (6 Spots Available)

February 19-23 Fully Catered & Guided or Self Catered & Self Guided Tour (8 Spots Available)

February 23-26 Limited spots in main Lodge & Chalet Available (8 Spots Available)

February 26- March Main Lodge SOLD OUT & Chalet Available (8 Spots Available)



Lake to Peak Package Pre Stay at Emerald Lake Lodge on Thursday or Sunday prior to flying into Purcell Mountain Lodge. Three course meal dinner for two and a a carte breakfast on departure day. Three or four night stay at Purcell Mountain Lodge includes round trip helicopter flight, all meals & professionally guided daily group tour. Post stay at Buffalo Lodge on Monday or Friday departure from Purcell Mountain Lodge.



Lake to Peak Five Night Package

\$2360 per guest plus tax
Three Night Stay at Purcell Mountain Lodge

Lake to Peak Six Night Package

\$2820 per guest plus tax
Four Night Stay at Purcell Mountain Lodge



A Home for Everyone

Our mountain family continues to strengthen, grow and evolve. For the upcoming winter season, we welcome back a solid and dedicated team. Purcell Mountain Lodge ski guides remain dedicated to offer guests a safe, and customized backcountry experience. Our amazing winter chefs are returning this winter with gourmet offerings from the kitchen. Our hardworking and diligent team of hosts and caretakers continue to reach out above and beyond to make sure all guests are well cared for. Everyone's mountain home always looks immaculate. We bid farewell to long time

Stager/Expediter Anne. Anne with her infectious smile has been greeting guests and looking after flight logistics at the hangar. She hosted at the Lodge time to time and regularly completed the food shopping and errands around Golden. Our Purcell family wish Anne well and know she will be back to visit us when time allows. Thank you Anne and you will be missed.



Purcell Family Highlights



Ken MacDiarmid, ACMG Ski Guide will be winter guiding in January and March at Purcell Lodge. S and K Expeditions <https://www.sandkexpeditions.com> is owned and operated by Ken and his partner Stefanie McArdle. Both have a love and passion for the outdoors and offer guests premium adventure experiences all year. Ideal groups are advanced to expert Skiers looking to explore the Purcell terrain. Bookings are being accepted for the

2018/2019 winter season. Ken's 17 years as a guide has taken him all over the world and he is fluent in French and Spanish.

Congratulations to Sarah Murphy for being accepted into the Apprentice Ski Guide program. Sarah is a former Olympian and represented New Zealand in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Sarah is a hiking guide in the Purcell Mountains and Rocky Mountains. This winter she will be up at Purcell Lodge, Monashee Cat Skiing and keeping busy will her Apprentice Ski Guide courses.

Leah Evans creative mind and music inspiration lead the idea for a soulful gathering in the mountains. The project Cabin Jams is a short film that brought musicians harmonizing and skiing together in the mountains. Cabin Jams was selected as a feature film at the Banff Film Festival. Leah is a professional skier and ambassador for Patagonia. The films are being shown at Patagonia retail stores across Canada. Leah also runs her own business Girls Do Ski for over eight years. Go to www.girlsdoski.com to read all about Canada's leading free ski camp provider for women. Photo credit to Zoya Lynch and Henry Slaughter.



Long time Purcell Family Kevin Blades will be guiding snowshoe tours this winter. Kevin keeps busy with his rock climbing gym Spirit Rock in the winter months. He looks forward to seeing summer hikers explore our terrain in the winter. Kevin welcomes all his past guests and new faces to join us in 2018 for fresh mountain air and laughter.

Community Matters

Purcell Mountain Lodge continues to give generously and support many non profit organizations. We are always happy to lend a hand to help raise money for worthy causes. Lend your support for many worthy causes by bidding on a Purcell Mountain Lodge two guest three or four night stay redeemable for the winter or summer season guiding season.

Confirmed Upcoming Events

***Jasper Chamber of Commerce* *Canadian Liver Foundation*
Ronald MacDonald House Gala * Snowflake Gala*
True North Mission Society * Children's Aid Society***

Cozy Chalet for Six to Eight Guests Self Catered & Independently Guided Private Chalet



Groups of up to eight can enjoy comfort in the private chalet just steps away from the main lodge.

Rate per person starting at \$1139 plus tax for helicopter flight and 3, 4 and 7 night accommodations.



Room for 4 King Bed & Two Bunk Beds

Room for up to 4 Queen Bunk Beds



Private kitchen, bathroom two bedrooms, two sitting areas and a traditional wood burning sauna steps. Choose self catered and cook for yourself or add the cost of meal service in the main Lodge.