

***Celebrate the Winter***

***In the***

***Cape Breton Regional Municipality***

***February 4 - March 18, 2012***

***CBRM Winter Festival***

***For more information, go to***

***<http://www.cbrm.ns.ca/special-events.html>***

***email [recreation@cbrm.ns.ca](mailto:recreation@cbrm.ns.ca)***

***telephone 563-5510***

***Show your Winter Festival Spirit! Throughout the Winter Festival, get out and play by creating a fun and unique snow sculpture in your yard! Send a picture of your creation, along with your address, to [recreation@cbrm.ns.ca](mailto:recreation@cbrm.ns.ca) for your chance to win one of three prizes! If there's no snow, be creative and set up another type of winter scene in your yard. Deadline to submit entries: March 18.***

***February 4 – March 17***

Micheline's Snow Shoe Exploration's at Ski Ben Eoin

Snow shoeing is great exercise for people of all ages. Each week we have guided tours from beginner to advanced levels. There are 12km of trail to explore. If you are looking for a light walk or would like to get your heart pumping, choose the session that is right for you and hit the trails. Each week is different, come and explore the top of the hill with us. We have fun. Weekly until March 31: Tuesday - Beginner Session: 1:00 pm, Wednesday - Advanced Session: 10:00 am, Saturday - All levels: 2 groups 1:00 pm. Contact person: Micheline: [lobelia4@gmail.com](mailto:lobelia4@gmail.com) \$5.00 plus trail fee, rental available.

***February 4***

1:00 p.m.

Explore the Washbrook in Winter, Southend Community Centre, Hillview Street, Sydney. Bring your family and a camera for a walk starting from the Southend Community Centre proceeding along the Washbrook to Baille Ard and then return for hot chocolate. For more details visit the Baille Ard Recreation Association on Facebook.

***February 4***

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Winter Festival Kick-off Skating Party, Centre 200, George Street, Sydney. Please join us as we kick off this year's Winter Festival! Free admission, refreshments, prizes and a visit by some special guests! For more information, contact Colleen Carey at 563-0901 or [cacarey@cbrm.ns.ca](mailto:cacarey@cbrm.ns.ca).

**February 4**

Rossignol Cup "Dual Slalom," Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 4**

5:00 p.m.

Select Nova Scotia IncrEdible Supper, St. Andrew's Hall, 40 Bentinck Street, Sydney. Hosted by the Downtown Sydney Farmers Market. Five course meal will feature all local food! There will be free-range meat, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options.

The cost is \$20 for an individual, \$30 per couple, or \$12 for students and seniors.

Tickets are on sale until January 29th and are limited in number, so get them now! You can pick them up at ACAP Cape Breton, Bay Health Foods in Glace Bay, the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory at the Mayflower Mall, or by phoning 539 6599. For more information, phone Rosie at 929-2010 or email the Downtown Sydney Farmers Market at [sydneyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:sydneyfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

**February 4**

Saturday Night Shredz, Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 4**

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight

Round and Square Dance, Cedar's hall, Sydney. Music by Rodney MacDonald and Friends. \$7 admission for those age 19 and older.

**February 4 – 5**

Two Rivers Wildlife Park Winter Frolic, Two Rivers Wildlife Park, Sandfield Road, Marion Bridge. Enjoy bonfires, sleigh rides, music, skating and coasting. Canteen services available. For more information, contact the Park at 727-2483.

**February 5**

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Family Literacy, McConnell Library, Sydney. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Come for an afternoon of fun for all ages and celebrate the importance of reading and learning together as a family! There will be stories, a puppet show, fun activities, special guests, refreshments and more! Everyone welcome! No registration required.

Non-perishable food donations welcome for Loaves and Fishes.

**February 6 - March 16**

9:30 - 10:30 am

Golden Steppers Walking Club, Northside Community Centre. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, please contact the Northside Civic Centre at 794-7576.

**February 6**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Snow Shoe Jaunt under the Moonlight, Ski Ben Eoin. Every season we take the opportunity to hit the trails under the light of the full moon. This is a guided tour which takes approx. 1-2hrs. All levels. One can take the chair or walk up the hill. Come and enjoy the atmosphere and the view. Trail fees only. \$5.00 plus trail fee, rental available.

**February 7**

7:00 p.m.

Film Night, McConnell Library, Sydney. Celebrate African Heritage Month with a showing of the NFB film Mighty Jerome, the compelling story of the rise, fall, and

redemption of one of Canada's greatest athletes, track and field star Harry Jerome. Phone 562-3161 to register.

**February 9**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Valentine's Crafts, Reserve Library. Phone Reserve library branch to register 849-6685.

**February 9**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Valentine's Crafts, Dominion Library. Phone Dominion library branch to register 849-3590.

**February 10**

Strawberry Shortcake Interlude, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Brookside Street, Glace Bay. Take out from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Eat in or take out from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person. For more information, call 849-1597.

**February 10**

2:45-3:45 p.m.

Valentine's Crafts, Donkin Library. Phone Donkin library branch to register 737-1154.

**February 10**

6:00 p.m.

Valentine's Supper, MacDonald Hall, St. John The Baptist Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney. Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Live music. Tickets are \$15 per person. Wine will be served at \$4/glass. For tickets or more information call 794-3392. Sponsored by the Mothers' Union.

**February 11**

10:00 a.m.

Winter Picnic, Baille Ard Nature Trails, Terrace Street entrance, Sydney. Coasting and games. For more details visit The Baille Ard Recreation Association on Facebook.

**February 11**

10:00 a.m.- 12 noon

Snowshoe through Sydney's Watershed, Meet at Middle Lake Road gate on Ormond Crescent (5 minutes from Sydney on the Louisbourg Highway). Enjoy the protected natural area which provides tap water to Sydney & Area! Snowshoes, snacks and children's activities will be provided on this free guided walk. For more information, please contact ACAP CB at 567-1628 or [www.acapcb.ns.ca](http://www.acapcb.ns.ca). Inclement weather date: Saturday, February 18

**February 11**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Valentine's Brunch, Union Presbyterian Memorial Hall, Albert Bridge. Includes a full breakfast along with homemade dessert. Cost: \$8.00/person. Sponsor: PCW Friendship Guild of Union Presbyterian Church, Albert Bridge. For more information or for tickets, contact Sandi at 562-0676.

**February 11**

The Cape 94.9 Ski For All Private Mixer, Ski Ben Eoin. Win to get in!

**February 11**

Fifth Annual Valentine's Gala, John Nugent Firemen's Centre, Sydney Mines. Straight from the Heart . Four Course Meal. Music by Kintyre. A trip for two anywhere Westjet flies will be given away to one lucky person! All proceeds to the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation Tickets \$50 each or book a table of 10. For information, phone 794-8870

**February 11**

9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Valentine's Dance, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 151 East Bay , Howie Center. Music by the Alter Ego Band. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Members and Guests. Anyone over 19 is also welcome.

**February 11**

9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Jukebox Saturday Night Road Show with The Coast 89.7, Cedar's Club, Sydney. Take a trip back to the 50's and 60's with The Coast's Jukebox Saturday Night Valentine Dance. Come out and shake, rattle and roll to featured hits by Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Bill Haley, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Beatles and The Monkees, along with female greats like Aretha Franklin. Anyone over 19 is welcome. Admission \$10 per person. For information, please call The Coast at 849-4301 or visit [www.coastalradio.ca](http://www.coastalradio.ca). All proceeds to support local, not-for-profit community radio. Prizes for best costumes from the 50's to the formal 60's.

**February 12**

Valentine-themed Couples Run. For information go to [www.cbroadrunners.ca](http://www.cbroadrunners.ca) or [www.cbtriathlon.wordpress.com](http://www.cbtriathlon.wordpress.com) Registration limited.

**February 12**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Eat-in or Take-out, will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 151 (Howie Center) on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 9 am to noon. \$5.00 per plate. Info call 564-0672 Mon-Fri. after 4 p.m., Sat. after 10 p.m., Sun after 12 pm.

**February 12**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Annual Dessert Social, Knox United Church Hall, intersection of Coxheath and Blackett's Lake Roads. \$5 per person. An afternoon to enjoy chocolate and other decadent desserts. Sponsored by the Coxheath Hills Wilderness Recreation Association.

**February 14**

Environmental Book Club Launch, ACAP CB, corner of George and Townsend Streets, Sydney. For more information, please contact ACAP CB at 567-1628 or [www.acapcb.ns.ca](http://www.acapcb.ns.ca).

**February 14**

Get Your GIANT Heart on with **The GIANT 101.9** and Ski Ben Eoin, Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 15**

Ski Atlantic Seniors Kell Antoft Day, Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 15**

7:00 p.m.

Public Speaking, McConnell Library, Sydney. A number one fear for many teens and adults is the fear of public speaking. Join community theatre guru, Brian Gallivan for tips to help you become comfortable speaking in front of a crowd. Phone 562-3161 to register.

**February 16**

6:00 p.m.

Snow Shoe Race, Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 16**

3:00- 4:00 p.m.

Wii Love the Library, Dominion Library, Dominion . Play Wii games with your friends. Phone 849-3590 to register.

**February 17**

2:30-3:30 p.m. Wii Love the Library, Reserve Library, Reserve. Play Wii games with your friends. Phone 849-6685 to register.

**February 18**

10:00 a.m.

Guided hikes, and snowshoeing, Coxheath Hills, behind the Knox United Church Hall, intersection of Blackett's Lake and Coxheath Roads. Weather pending. Sponsored by the Coxheath Hills Wilderness Recreation Association.

**February 18**

Mira Boat Club and Marina Snowmobile Races, 545 Hillside Road, Albert Bridge. Registration takes place early morning. Racing begins at noon. Free admission for all spectators. Canteen services with lots of hot homemade soup. Phone 564-8660 or 574-5151 for more information. [www.miraboatclub.com](http://www.miraboatclub.com)

**February 18**

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wii Love the Library, Main a Dieu Library. Play Wii games with your friends. Phone 733-5708 to register.

**February 18**

2:30 p.m. Puppet Show, North Sydney Library. Everyone welcome. No registration required.

**February 18**

Moonlight Walk, Baille Ard Trails, Terrace Street entrance, Sydney. Hot chocolate served. For more details visit the Baille Ard Recreation Association on Facebook.

**February 18**

Saturday Night Shredz, Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 18**

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight

Round and Square Dance, Cedar's Hall, Sydney. Music by Colin Grant, Chrissie Crawley and Jason Roach. \$7 admission for those age 19 and older.

**February 19**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Heritage Day at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, Louisbourg. Fortress Louisbourg Association, Atlantic Canada Geocaching Association and Parks Canada are inviting you to come and enjoy a day of winter discovery and activities. Join us at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site of Canada for our Snowshoeing and Geocache event. This is a great family activity and excellent for all ages! Bring your snowshoes and experience the Fortress in a whole new way. Hear about snowshoes in the 18th century and compare yours to faithful reproductions of those used by the town residents. As you are making your way around the snow covered ruins of an 18th century town hunt for the two new geocaches that will be launched to add to our 7 existing caches. Bring your lunch; shelter and refreshments will be available at the McLennan Centre. Applicable entrance fees are payable upon arrival at the McLennan Centre: Adult \$7.30, Senior: \$6.05, Youth \$3.65, Family/Group \$18.10 (Up to seven people with a maximum of two adults.)

Also consult: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/ns/louisbourg/index.aspx> .

<http://www.fortressoflouisbourg.ca/>

<http://atlanticgeocaching.com/index.php>

**February 23**

7:00-9:00 pm

Film Interview, McConnell Library, Sydney. Feel the buzz of the Academy Awards with acclaimed filmmaker, writer and producer Annett Wolf who has profiled many of Hollywood's greatest stars, including Jack Lemmon, her mentor and friend. Come and see their film interview, a unique gem of Hollywood history. For more information or to register call 562-3161.

**February 24**

YMCA Play on Your Day-Off, YMCA of Cape Breton, 399 Charlotte Street, Sydney.

Especially offered to help out parents and for kids to have fun when there are no school classes. Drop your child off for an exciting day of games, swimming and cool projects.

Activities will be age-specific, from grades primary to six. Member \$25, Non-Members \$30. 399 Charlotte Street, Sydney. Phone 562-9622 ext. #1.

**Friday, February 24**

Seniors' Health Presentation, Northside Civic Centre. For more information, please contact the Northside Community Centre at 794-7576.

**February 25**

SNS Snow Board cross - Feast clinic "Adrenaline Divas," Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 25 – 26**

Masters Race, Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 25**

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

KnitFit Knit-a-thon McConnell Library, Sydney. Donate warm items or yarn, knit or crochet for the Salvation Army 'Clothe-a-Family' campaign, and raise funds for CBRL children's programs – a win-win! Sponsor a crafter. Information and pledge sheets available in branches and at [www.cbri.ca](http://www.cbri.ca). Contact: Chris Thomson, McConnell Library 562-3161.

**February 25**

1:00-4:00 pm

Storytelling Workshop, Wilfred Oram Centennial Library, North Sydney. Led by CBRL's Storyteller-in-Residence, Ken Chisholm at the North Sydney Library. (6-10 people max) For more information or to register call 794-3272. See program listing in our Newsletter or on our website at [www.cbri.ca](http://www.cbri.ca) for sessions at other branches in Jan to March.

**February 25**

7:30 p.m.

YMCA Mardi Gras Charity Auction and Dance, Centre 200, George Street, Sydney. Support YMCA Strong kids with proceeds helping children and families who are willing yet unable to afford the full cost of YMCA programs. Viewing starts at 8:00 pm, auction starts at 8:30 pm. Dance begins at 9:30pm with music by Kintyre. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes complimentary appetizers. For more information and to see the prize list go to [www.cbymca.com](http://www.cbymca.com). Phone 562-9622 ext. #1

**February 26**

SNS Slope Style, Ski Ben Eoin.

**February 28**

7:00 p.m.

Merchandise bingo to benefit cystic fibrosis, Steelworkers and Sydney Pensioners Club, 30 Inglis Street, Sydney. 15 regular games plus 7 specials (donated prizes for every game over \$100).

**February 29**

3:00 p.m.

Downtown Sydney Wednesday Walking Break Kickoff. For more information, contact Colleen Carey at 563-0901 or [cacarey@cbrm.ns.ca](mailto:cacarey@cbrm.ns.ca).

**February 29**

6:30-7:30p p.m.

Puppet Show, Glace Bay Library. Everyone welcome. No registration required.

**March 2 – 4**

Snow Jam- Slope Style, SBX, Big Air with The GIANT 101.9, Ski Ben Eoin.

**March 2**

8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Teen Games Night, McConnell Library, Sydney. Video and board games, books, food and fun! Come and bring a friend (ages 13-18). No registration required.

**March 3**

Louisbourg 5 Mile Slush Run & 3 Mile Walk, George D. Lewis School, Louisbourg. Registration begins at 9:00am at the school and cost is \$10.00/runner or walker. The walk will start at 9:30am and the run will start at 10:00am. Hot lunch and awards to follow. For more information, contact Calvin Pitcher at 733-2678 or [thepitchers@seascape.ns.ca](mailto:thepitchers@seascape.ns.ca) or Cindy Hynes at 733-2351 or [chynes@cbrm.ns.ca](mailto:chynes@cbrm.ns.ca)  
Website: [www.louisbourgrace.com/slushrun.htm](http://www.louisbourgrace.com/slushrun.htm)

**March 3**

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight  
Round and Square Dance, Cedar's Hall, Sydney. \$7 admission for those age 19 and older.

**March 6**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Snow Shoe Jaunt under the Moonlight, Ski Ben Eoin. Every season we take the opportunity to hit the trails under the light of the full moon. This is a guided tour which takes approx. 1-2hrs. All levels. One can take the chair or walk up the hill. Come and enjoy the atmosphere and the view. Trail fees only. \$5.00 plus trail fee, rental available.

**March 8**

International Women's Day Luncheon. Table bookings now being accepted. Phone 794-8870 for more details.

**March 10**

1:00-4:00 pm  
McConnell Library, Sydney. Storytelling Workshop, led by CBRL's Storyteller-in-Residence, Ken Chisholm.  
(6-10 people max) For more information or to register call 562-3161.

**March 10**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Paddy's Day Supper, Union Presbyterian Memorial Hall, Albert Bridge. Supper will feature homemade beans & fishcakes along with homemade dessert. Cost: \$10.00/person. Sponsor: PCW Friendship Guild of Union Presbyterian Church, Albert Bridge. For more information or for tickets contact Sandi at 562-0676.

**March 10 – 13**

CSIA Level 1 Instructors Course, Ski Ben Eoin.

**March 10 – 18**

March Break Day Camps & Spring Specials, Ski Ben Eoin.

**March 11**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 151 (Howie Center) on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 9 am to noon. Eat-in or Take-out, \$5.00 per plate. Info call 564-0672 Mon-Fri. after 4 p.m., Sat. after 10 p.m., Sun after 12 pm.

**March 12 – 16**

YMCA Break Loose! , YMCA of Cape Breton, 399 Charlotte Street, Sydney. Let your child break loose for a fabulous week of activity and creativity. Kids will play games, swim, create works of art and hook up with friends or make new one. Activities will be age-specific from 8:30am - 4:30pm. Single Day: Member \$25, Non-Members \$30; Full Week (5 days): Members \$100, Non-Members \$125. 399 Charlotte Street, Sydney. 562-9622 ext. #1

**March 12 - 16**

YMCA After School Program All Day!, YMCA of Cape Breton, 399 Charlotte Street, Sydney. Our licensed After School programs follows the YMCA Playing to Learn curriculum and offers a full day program for children ages five to twelve. Includes a swim, physical activity and a hot meal. Children must be pre-registered. For more information contact the YMCA, 399 Charlotte Street, Sydney. 562-9622 ext. #4

**March 12 – 16**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

ACAP Cape Breton's March Break Eco-Day Camp, 582 George Street, Sydney. Go green this winter with eco-arts and crafts, games and experiments. Spaces are limited: pre-registration is advised. For more information or to register, please phone 567-1628.

**March 12 - 16**

March Break at the Park, Two Rivers Wildlife Park, Sandfield Road, Marion Bridge. Free wagon rides with regular park admission. Canteen services available. During March Break, put your name in for a draw to win a Family Park Pass for a year. For information, contact the Park at 727-2483.

**March 12 to 16**

March Break Program, Passchendaele House, 8 Dominion Street, Glace Bay. Town House in Glace Bay is hosting this fun program for kids age 6-12. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with games and crafts all day. For more information, call 849-2449.

**March 13**

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Free Skate, Cape Breton County Recreation Centre, Coxheath. Sponsored by CBRM Facilities and United Commercial Travelers. For more information, please contact Colleen Carey at 563-0901 or [cacarey@cbrm.ns.ca](mailto:cacarey@cbrm.ns.ca) .

**March 13 – 16**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Fun March Break Activities, McConnell Library, Sydney. For children in Grade Primary and up! For more information and to register phone the Library at 562-3161. Registration will begin Tuesday, Feb 28. Check with other branches for other programs during March Break.

**March 15 – 18**

CASI Level 2 Instructor's course, Ski Ben Eoin.

**March 16**

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Free Skate, Centre 200, George Street, Sydney. Sponsored by CBRM Facilities and United Commercial Travelers. For more information, please contact Colleen Carey at

563-0901 or cacarey@cbrm.ns.ca.

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day in the Pub, Ski Ben Eoin. Live music and traditional food.

**March 17**

6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Potluck Supper, Stella Maris Parish Hall, Louisbourg. Admission: \$7.00  
Sponsored by Stella Maris CWL. For tickets contact Julie MacDonald at 733-2882  
or Evelyn Phillips at 733-2413.

**March 17**

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight

Round and Square Dance, Cedar's Hall, Sydney. \$7 admission for those age 19 and  
older.

**March 17**

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 151 East Bay, Howie Center.  
Music by the Alter Ego Band. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Members and Guests.  
Anyone over 19 is also welcome.