



Alberta Schools' Athletic Association

ASAA Billboards



Keep your eyes to the sky from March 2 until March 29, as there will be 17 ASAA billboards throughout Alberta. We encourage school teams to take their picture with one of the three different billboards for a chance to get the photo published in the 2008-2009 ASAA Yearbook, as well as displayed on the ASAA website. Please keep safety a priority when taking a photo for the billboard.

>> [Click here for the three designs and the complete list of billboard locations](#)

50th Anniversary of Girls Basketball Provincials



It was March 18, 1960 when teams from Wrentham, Rolling Hills, Barrhead and Stettler competed in the very first ASAA girls basketball provincials. Stettler and Wrentham faced off in the gold medal match, and at its conclusion Stettler would become the first girls team to receive the J. Percy Page Championship Trophy.

In celebration of this milestone year, ASAA is happy to say that many

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Important Dates and Deadlines

March 20:
NFHS Student Leadership Conference Application Deadline

April 1:
Robert Routledge Award
Sportsmanlike Coach Award
Media Recognition Award
Spring 2010 Hosting Bid Submission

April 15:
Fall 2010 Hosting Bid Submission

May 8-9:
Annual General Meeting

members of that first championship provincial match, will be attending this year's 4A ASAA Hoop Classic which is being hosted in Red Deer. It will be an extraordinary event that will combine young with old, stories of the past mixed in with stories of the present, all merging into an amazing event.

Athletic Directors Forum and HPEC 2009

The ASAA will be hosting an Athletic Directors and Coaches Forum on Thursday April 30 in conjunction with HPEC on April 31-May 1. Included as part of the Forum is the inaugural Leadership Training Courses from the Alberta Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA). Even though we are still 3 months away, we are nearly 70% full in registrations. Do not wait any longer to get your registration completed. Registration can be done by clicking this link <http://www.mymailout.com/MyMailout/Redirect.aspx?u=162744&r=137611&qz=6792f4381ea92fbcfeffc7c9a4a39d64>.

The HPEC/CAPHERD conference will run on Friday May 1st and Saturday May 2nd, with numerous athletic sessions being offered. In addition, the second Leadership Training Course from the AIAAA will be offered on Friday afternoon as a conference extra. It is possible to register for just the pre-conference forum if you choose to do so.

If you have any questions regarding the forum, or registration questions, please contact, Jordan Abney, Assistant Director at: jordan@asaa.ca

Provincial Host Bids

Currently, bids are received approximately one year out. This will be extended to approximately one and a half years starting at the 2009 AGM in May, at which time bids up to and including the 2010 fall sports will be accepted. Deadline for spring 2010 bids remains at April 1. Deadline for fall 2010 bids will be April 15.

>> [Click here for bid information and application](#)

Updated Zone Contact Information

The ASAA congratulates past-ASAA President and Routledge Award winner Marg MacCuaig-Boyd on her recent appointment as Vice-President, Fairview Campus of Grande Prairie Regional College. The new contact for North West Zone President is Erin Martin who is located at Beaverlodge Regional High School.

>> [Click here for more information](#)

Cyber Bullying



Is cyber bullying an issue in your school? In a Canadian Teachers' Federation poll in 2008, 34% of respondents knew of students in their community who had been cyber bullied in the past year. Given the close relationship and mutual respect that is often forged between school athletic coaches and high school students, athletic leaders are in a position to be aware of and to help address issues like cyber bullying, hazing and other matters that can negatively impact the life of a young person.

>> [Click here for more information](#)

Hall of Fame



The ASAA is honoured to induct two individuals to the Alberta High School Sports Hall of Fame as Coaches. Gordon Graves of Bentley School, and Susan Moncks of Standard School will be inducted on May 8, 2009, in Edmonton at the Routledge and Hall of Fame Banquet.

>> [Click here to find out more about Gordon and Susan](#)

Awards

Nominations for the Robert H. Routledge Award, Media Recognition Award, and Sportsmanlike Coach Award are currently being accepted. Please submit nominations to the ASAA office by April 1, 2009. The awards banquet will be held in Edmonton on May 8.

