April 15, 2013

Dear Canadian Youth National Climbing Team Applicant,

This package contains important information regarding the 2013 World Youth Climbing Championships (WYCC) being hosted by The Boulders Climbing Gym in Central Saanich, B.C. The competition is scheduled for **August 15 – 18, 2013**.

**Representing Canada**

Members of this year’s team will have the huge honour of competing at the WYCC for the first time in North America. As we have seen when other international events have been hosted by Canada, those chosen to wear the colours of our country will look back at this as a very special moment in their lives. Everyone should embrace this – it doesn’t happen very often!

With this honour comes a lot of responsibility. Even more than previous years, it will be expected that all team members are on their best behaviour at all times. This is not something to be fearful of – it is an amazing opportunity and challenge we hope all of you look forward to because we know that, whoever is chosen to represent Canada this year, you will do everyone proud!

**National Team Uniforms & Trading Shirts**

We are currently working on getting sponsorship for our uniforms and trading shirts this year. The Alpine Club of Canada has been very generous in supporting us with this endeavour – unfortunately, as it often happens when trying to work out a deal, this hasn’t been wrapped up yet. It is still hopeful we will do the sizing of uniforms at each of the Regional Championships, more details will come on this as they are finalized. You can be sure, however, that Team Canada will be looking sharp in their new red-and-white uniforms as we perform on our home stage!

**Application Process**

There have been some changes to the application process in an effort to streamline it for you. Please review all of the included details so you are aware of what your selection to the Canadian Youth National Climbing Team will involve but **please take note**: we must receive your application by **midnight PST** on **May 6, 2013** for you to be considered for the team.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the other team officials listed in this package. We are here to help make this process as easy as possible for you.

Thank you for applying for the Canadian Youth National Climbing Team! This is where it all begins!

Chris Neve, Head Coach

2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team

[chris\_neve@banffcentre.ca](mailto:chris_neve@banffcentre.ca)

**2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team – Officials**

Chris Neve, Head Coach & Manager

Climbing Club: The Banff Junior Climbing Team, Banff, Alberta

Years Coaching: 17 years

Years with National Team: 4 years

International Events Attended: 5

Contact: [chris\_neve@banffcentre.ca](mailto:chris_neve@banffcentre.ca)

Ron Gosselin, Assistant Manager

Climbing Club: The Boulders Climbing Gym, Central Saanich, B.C.

Years Managing: 25+ years

Years with National Team: 1 year

International Events Attended: 1

Contact: [RonGosselin@shaw.ca](mailto:RonGosselin@shaw.ca)

Sean McColl, Assistant Coach

Years Coaching: 6 years

Years with National Team: 5 years

International Events Competed: 93... and counting!

Contact: [mccoll.sean@gmail.com](mailto:mccoll.sean@gmail.com)

Denis Mimeault, Assistant Coach

Climbing Club: Délire, Québec, Québec

Years Coaching: 5 years

Years with National Team: 1 year

International Events Attended: 2

Contact: [denismimeault@gmail.com](mailto:denismimeault@gmail.com)

Dũng Nguyen, Assistant Coach

Climbing Club: Allez Up, Montréal, Québec

Years Coaching: 17 years

Years with National Team: 9 years

International Events Attended: 10

Contact: [dnguyen@allezup.com](mailto:dnguyen@allezup.com)

Stacey Weldon, Assistant Coach

Climbing Club: Guest coach in Banff and Canmore

Years Coaching: 10 years

Years with National Team: 5 years

International Events Attended: 7 climbing, 6 coaching

Contact: staceyweldon@gmail.com

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Difficulty and Speed Disciplines**

Athletes can apply to compete in difficulty, speed, or both. The selection for both disciplines will occur immediately following the finals of the 2013 Canadian Youth National Championships on May 17 – 19, 2013 and will be announced as soon after the competition as possible. Please follow this link to familiarize yourself with the selection criteria: <http://www.climbingescaladecanada.ca/Youth_Team_Selection_Criteria.html>

**Canadian Youth National Climbing Team Training Camp**

All athletes in both difficulty and speed are **required** to attend the training camp hosted at The Boulders in Central Sannich, B.C. from **July 1 – 6, 2013**, arriving by **6:00 pm** on July 1 and not leaving before **5:00 pm** on July 6. By submitting an application, you are acknowledging your ability to attend this training camp. There will be a fee associated with the training camp to cover accommodations, food, travel, and the team officials.

The purpose of the training camp is to: assess the athletes in their physical, mental, tactical, and technical preparations; go over the upcoming training for the remainder of the summer before the WYCC in August; and, allow the athletes and team officials to work together and get to know one another.

The entire team will be staying at the residences of the University of Victoria for the duration of the training camp and will be under the supervision of the team officials during this entire time. This is where the team will be staying during the WYCC in August so we will take this opportunity to get acquainted with the environment and logistics of getting to and from the climbing gym.

**Please be aware**: the athletes and team officials will be staying together. Family, friends, and club coaches will NOT be permitted to stay at the team accommodations.

**World Youth Climbing Championships**

The WYCC will be held from **August 15 – 18, 2013**. All athletes will be **required** to arrive for the WYCC on **Friday, August 9** by **6:00 pm** and cannot leave before **7:00 am** on **Monday, August 19**. During this time, the team officials will be responsible for the team 24 hours a day for the duration of the competition. There will be a fee associated with this arrangement to cover accommodations, food, travel, and the team officials.

**Please be aware**: the athletes and team officials will be staying together. Family, friends, and club coaches will not be permitted to stay at the team accommodations but there will likely be lots of interaction between the team and its supporters. This will be entirely dependent on event logistics and will always be arranged with the interest of ensuring the athletes’ abilities to focus and prepare properly for the event as the primary objective.

**National Team Uniforms & Trading Shirts**

The Alpine Club of Canada has been working hard to secure both the Youth and Open national climbing teams a uniform sponsorship. Although things are progressing nicely, we are unable to announce anything at this point.

We do need to prepare you for the possibility that there could be a cost for uniforms this year. In the past, we have waited until the national team has been selected at the national championships before placing our order with our supplier. The result has often been that they are unable to give us pieces that we would like at no cost so we are left with whatever they have in stock.

With the competition in Canada this year, we feel it is really important to have the pieces we want and some choice of colour. The goal is to have something that looks and feels great when you are climbing and we hope to have everything finalized and announced at the national championships.

**Estimated Costs**

**Training Camp: July 1 – 6, 2013**

Accommodation: $33.00 per evening X 5 evenings **$165.00**

* + staying at University of Victoria (UVic) Housing
  + rooms with one or two beds – younger athletes will

share a room with an older athlete

* + our team will have a section of Housing to ourselves
  + includes breakfast buffet each day

Food: Lunches: $12.00 per day X 4 lunches **$48.00**

* bag lunch supplied by UVic catering service

Parents & Athletes Dinner: $29.95 per person **$30.00**

* catered buffet dinner at UVic Housing
* July 1, 2013 – 7:00pm
* all parents and family members will be able to attend

at the fee above; numbers to be confirmed by June 1

Dinners: $17.00 per day X 4 dinners **$68.00**

* buffet dinner at UVic Housing

Transportation: 3-12 passenger vans @ $1000 per van **$100.00**

Team Officials: Flights **$128.00**

Accommodations **$33.00**

Food **$29.00**

Gym Fees: $10 per athlete X 5 days **$50.00**

Extracurricular

Activities: Social activities **$25.00**

**TOTAL PER ATHLETE: $676.00**

**Estimated Costs**

**World Youth Climbing Championships: August 9 – 19, 2013**

Accommodation: $33.00 per evening X 10 evenings **$330.00**

* + staying at University of Victoria (UVic) Housing
  + rooms with one or two beds – younger athletes will

share a room with an older athlete

* + our team will have a section of Housing to ourselves
  + includes breakfast buffet each day

Food: Lunches: $12.00 per day X 9 lunches **$72.00**

* bag lunch supplied by UVic catering service

Parents & Athletes Dinner: $29.95 per person **$30.00**

* catered buffet dinner at UVic Housing
* August 9, 2013 – 7:00pm
* all parents and family members will be able to attend

at the fee above; numbers to be confirmed by July 5

Dinners: $17.00 per day X 5 dinners **$85.00**

* buffet dinner at UVic Housing

Catered dinners: $29.95 per person X 4 dinners **$120.00**

* this will be for evenings of August 15 – 18 as we

will not be able to get back to dinner before the

regular dinner centre closes

Transportation: 3-12 passenger vans @ $1200 per van **$120.00**

Team Officials: Flights **$128.00**

Accommodations **$65.00**

Food **$70.00**

Gym Fees: $10 per athlete X 3 days **$30.00**

Extracurricular

Activities: Social activities **$50.00**

**TOTAL PER ATHLETE: $1100.00**

**2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team – Application Process**

If you are interested in applying for the 2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team, please complete the following steps:

1. Read the information provided of the requirements (i.e. attending training camp, fees associated with the training camp and WYCC, etc.) of being a member of the national team.
2. Please provide a cover letter stating that you are applying for the national team and what discipline(s) you are applying for. Also include anything else you would like to. A sample cover letter is provided.
3. Fill out **completely** the following form entitled Application for 2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team. Where signatures are needed, either type your name and save the file as a pdf or print off the application form, sign it, and then take a photo of the form.
4. Follow the link to complete the Alpine Club of Canada waiver form: <http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/activities/forms/ACCWaiverSingle06.pdf>. If you have not already sent in the Alpine Club of Canada waiver to the national office, please complete the attached Release of Liability Form and include with your package.
5. Please send your cover letter, completed application form, and ACC waiver (if required) **electronically** by **midnight PST** on **May 6, 2013** to:

Ron Gosselin: [RonGosselin@shaw.ca](mailto:RonGosselin@shaw.ca)

1. Please **mail** a hard copy of your cover letter, completed application form, ACC waiver (if required), **AND** a cheque or completed credit card authorization form for **$250.00** made out to **The Alpine Club of Canada-CEC**, postmarked by **midnight PST** on **May 6, 2013** to:

Ron Gosselin, c/o Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC)

1032 Nakini Place, Brentwood Bay, BC, V8M 1A3

**Cover Letter**

**[City, Province, Postal Code]**

**[Date]**

Dear 2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team Officials:

Please accept this cover letter and accompanying form as my application for the 2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team competing at the 2013 World Youth Climbing Championships in Central Saanich, B.C. from August 15 – 18, 2013.

**[Please fill in this area with anything you would like to say about yourself. Include things such as:**

**Why you feel you should be selected to this team.**

**Your previous climbing accomplishments – both indoors & outdoors, competitions you have attended (Canadian and international), etc.**

**Why do you compete in climbing.**

**Other sports and interests**

**Anything else you would like the team officials to know about you!**

**This letter needs to be limited to one page maximum so please be concise.]**

Sincerely,

**Application for 2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team**

Name of Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Phone Number & Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age as of December 31, 2013: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender (circle): Female Male

Climbing Category (circle): Youth B Youth A Junior

CEC#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Uniform Sizes: Hoodie \_\_\_\_\_\_ Top \_\_\_\_\_\_

Discipline(s) Applying for (circle): Difficulty Speed

**Team Meeting at the National Championships – REQUIRED ATTENDANCE**

All athletes selected for the national team are **required** to attend a team meeting immediately following the awards ceremonies – it is strongly recommended that you have a parent attend this meeting with you. The fees for the training camp and WYCC **must** be collected at this time – payment can be made by cheque or credit card.

**Canadian Youth National Climbing Team Training Camp – REQUIRED ATTENDANCE:**

Where: The Boulders Climbing Gym, Central Saanich, B.C.

Arrive: July 1, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Depart: July 6, 2013 @ 5:00 pm

Estimated Cost: $676 per athlete (to be confirmed at Canadian National Championships)

**World Youth Climbing Championships:**

Where: The Boulders Climbing Gym, Central Saanich, B.C.

Arrive: August 9, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Depart: August 19, 2013 @ 7:00 am

Estimated Cost: $1100 per athlete (to be confirmed at Canadian National Championships)

I understand that by submitting this application and signing below that I am required to attend the team meeting at the National Championships and the training camp on the dates listed.

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Signature of Applying Athlete Signature of Parent/Guardian of Applying

Athlete (if under 18 years of age)

**ACC Credit Card Payment Form for Deposit**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give permission for the **Alpine Club of**

**Canada** to charge my credit card the amount of **$250.00** as the deposit for the 2013 Canadian

Youth National Climbing Team fees for the following athlete(s):

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Name(s) of athlete(s)

**\*Please be aware:** your credit card will only be charged if your athlete(s) is selected to the

2013 Canadian Youth National Climbing Team.

**Card Type (circle):** VISA MasterCard

**CC#:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Expiry Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3 digit code on the back of credit card:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Printed name of cardholder**

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**Signature of cardholder**

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**Date**

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| **RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,**  **ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  **(hereinafter the “Release Agreement”)**  **BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT, YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP  CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT** | |
| ***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!*** | **INITIAL** |

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| **Name** | Last | | | First | | | | Date of Birth: Day / Month / Year | |
| **Address** | | Street | | | | City | | | Prov/State | Postal/Zip Code | | |
|  | | Country | | Email (optional) | | | | Name of Camp or Activity:  **Travel to and Participation in the World Youth Championships Saanich, BC and Related Activities** | | | |

**TO: ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA**,andits directors, officers, employees, instructors, assistant instructors, guides, leaders, members, guests approved by trip leaders, volunteers, agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors and assigns and any other person or organization participating in or connected with the activities as defined below and HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA AS REPRESENTED BY PARKS CANADA (hereinafter collectively referred to asthe **“RELEASEES”**).

**DEFINITIONS**

In this Release Agreement, the term **"wilderness activities"** shall include all activities, accommodation, transportation, events and services provided, arranged, organized, conducted, sponsored or authorized by the Releasees and shall include but is not limited to: skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, mountain camping, hiking, rock climbing, ice climbing, snowshoeing and other form of backcountry travel; rental or use of skis, snowboards or other equipment; demonstrations; orientational and instructional courses; loading, unloading and travel by or movement in or around helicopters, snowcats, snowmobiles and motor vehicles; and other activities, events and services in any way connected with or related to wilderness activities.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS - AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER ETC.** I am aware that wilderness activities involves risks, dangers and hazards. Avalanches occur frequently in the terrain used for wilderness activities and may be caused by natural forces or by persons travelling through the terrain. I acknowledge and accept that the Releasees may fail to predict whether the alpine terrain is safe for wilderness activities or whether an avalanche may occur. The terrain used for wilderness activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanche. These may include, but are not limited to: cornices; crevasses; cliffs; trees, tree wells and tree stumps; creeks; rocks; boulders; forest deadfall; holes and depressions on or below the snow surface; cliffs; variable and difficult snow conditions; snowcat roads and road banks, fences, and other man-made structures; snow immersion; equipment failure; impact or collision with other persons or objects; slips and falls; becoming lost or separated from one’s party or guide; negligence of other persons, including other guests; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.** Communication in the alpine terrain is difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available. Weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning, making travel by helicopter, snowcat or snowmobile hazardous.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of **THE RELEASEES** allowing me to participate in wilderness activities, I hereby agree as follows:

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| 1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against **THE RELEASEES** and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness activities, DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER ANY APPLICABLE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY LEGISLATION OR LAW ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE; |

2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness activities;

3. This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;

4. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province or Territory in which the wilderness activities take place and no other jurisdiction; and

5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province or Territory in which the wilderness activities take place and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of that Province or Territory.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of wilderness activities, other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement.

**I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.**

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| **Dated this day of 20** |  | Signature of Participant |
| Signature of Witness |  | Signature of Parent or Guardian if Guest is Under Age 19 |
| Print Name of Witness |  | Print Name of Parent of Guardian |