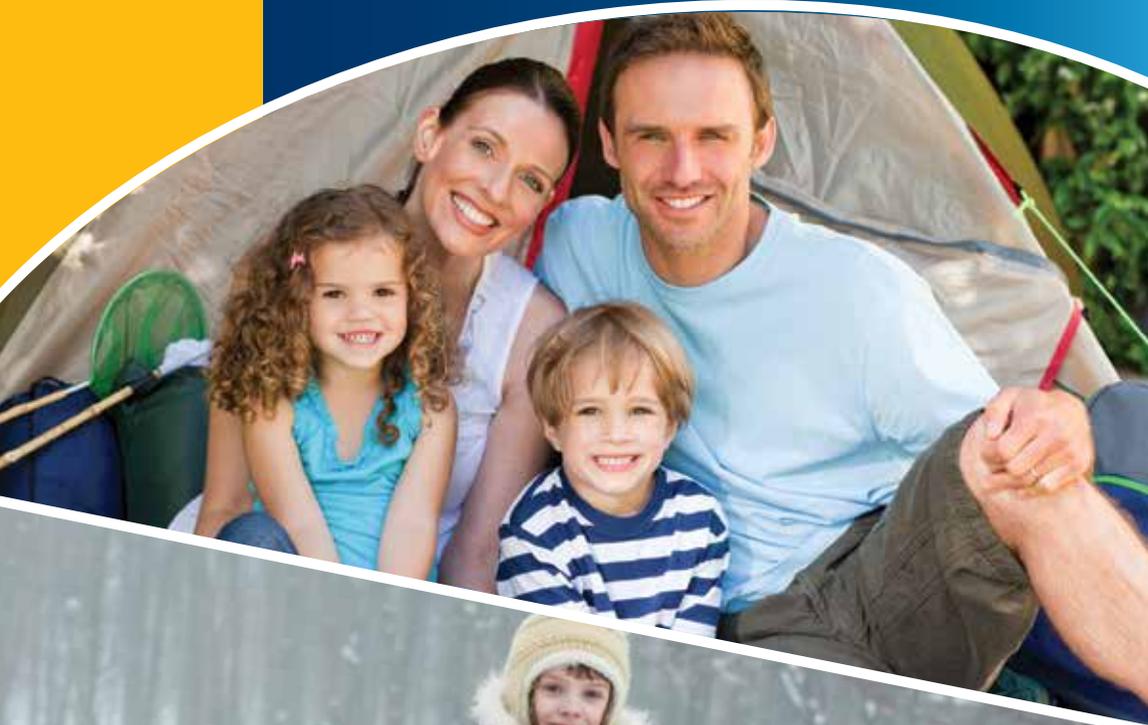




Family Life ^{IN} SLAVE LAKE REGION



Life in the Slave Lake Region

The Slave Lake Region is a thriving and dynamic area that covers over 10,000 square km's in north-central Alberta. Families, entrepreneurs and individuals looking for connected communities can enjoy living in the town of Slave Lake, or in the nine outlying rural communities in the Region. Warmth and hospitality is entrenched in the area with neighbours supporting neighbours and where people make a difference every day in building a stronger and more resilient community.

Stories abound about people coming to the Slave Lake Region for a visit and end up moving here to raise their family. Others come for a temporary career and find themselves here 30 years later, fully engaged with the community. Whether you are looking for a place to settle and put down roots or looking to enjoy the abundant recreational opportunities while excelling in your chosen career, the Slave Lake Region offers a niche for everyone.

A 2.5 hour drive from Edmonton, the Slave Lake Region not only allows families to grow in a small and integrated community but also provides easy access to the big city. Various local shopping options are available with clothing, shoes, groceries, general goods and serves and more run locally by businesspeople who provide quality shopping experiences and give back to make a difference in the communities they serve.

Community members have numerous ways to get involved in their communities, whether through sport and recreation or through service clubs. Recreation programming such as hockey, figure skating, soccer and volleyball are enjoyed during the winter, and baseball, basketball, tennis and cricket are offered during the summer months. Service clubs such as the Rotary Club, Royal Canadian Legion, the Elks, and others come together to build a better community; projects recently completed by local groups are the Rotary Club of Slave Lake Library and the Multi-Rec Centre Fieldhouse.

Residents of the Region gather with family and friends to enjoy the many events hosted annually:

- Frost Fest
- Canada Day
- Slave Lake Riverboat Daze
- Show n' Shine Car Show
- Flatbush Festival
- Widewater Sports Days
- Smith-Hondo Fall Fair and Rodeo
- Aboriginal Day
- Easter Family Egg-Stravaganza
- Sandsculpture Championships
- Songbird Festival
- Spooktacular Halloween Party
- Christmas Charity Parties

Family Indoor Recreational Activities:

- Hockey
- Curling
- Figure skating
- Fieldhouse and running track
- Indoor playground
- 25 meter swimming pool with waterslide and hot tub
- Swimming lessons and swim clubs
- Equine clubs
- 4-H clubs



Fun at the Sandsculpture Championships

Community Living



Celebrating Aboriginal Day



Family Day excitement



A successful day ice fishing

If you are planning to move to the Slave Lake Region, there are many options to choose from, whether owning or renting. There are three excellent real estate offices in Slave Lake – Royal LePage Progressive Realty, Century 21, and Re/Max. Newcomers will have the option of living within Slave Lake, which as single family homes, duplexes, town houses, condos, apartments, basement suites and manufactured homes on private or rented lots; or live in the Municipal District which offers acreages and farms for country living or various housing types in the hamlets.

The population is increasingly young, diverse and multi-cultural. While 86.7% of the population of Slave Lake is born in Canada (25% of those identifying as Aboriginal), over 13% are immigrants or are temporary foreign workers. Area immigrants are from Bolivia, Lebanon, the Philippines, India and Jamaica. In 2011, the Filipino Association was formed to celebrate Filipino culture in Slave Lake. With such diversification there are nine places of worship in Slave Lake, including the Pentecostal, Mormon, Jehovah Witness, Anglican, United, Lutheran, and open denominations. Slave Lake is also home to the Muslim Society Mosque which is attended by over 200 people each month.

Slave Lake is the health care centre for the Region. It offers a hospital, medical clinic, medevac base to transport critical patients to primary care, plus there are dental, optical, physiotherapy, chiropractic and massage therapy services available.



Aspiring "Shark" swimmer

Family Fun

There are various sports, recreation, and arts and culture opportunities to join and enjoy. Sports teams range from hockey (5+ years), baseball and slow pitch leagues, swimming, Tae Kwon Do, boxing, rod and gun club, yoga, figure skating and curling. Each weeknight the Multi-Rec Centre offers drop in and team leagues including basketball, soccer and volleyball. Arts and cultural opportunities include summer art camps, theatre productions, dance clubs (tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, contemporary), Ukrainian dancing, and musical theatre.

Families in the Slave Lake Region can access numerous programs for their children throughout the year. Some of these include:

- Summer Splash, a summer camp for ages 6-11
- British Soccer Camp, a skill-based soccer camp for ages 3-16
- Outback Power Pack Camp, for girls entering grades 7-8-9
- Tumble Tots, for ages 18-36 months; a gym-based program

A new multi-purpose, family-oriented community centre is being constructed in Slave Lake and will be available by 2015. The space will include a large day care and playground, performing theatre and arts space with a set stage and lighting, a FireSmart information centre, and a hall and community space to seat up to 500 people.

Family Summer Outdoor Recreational Activities

- Gilwood Golf Course & Country Club
- Baseball, softball, fastball and slow pitch
- 10 kms of paved walking paths
- Skate park
- Tennis courts
- 10 parks, 1 spray park
- Motocross Track
- ATV'ing
- Camping and RVing
- Fishing Tournament
- Boating
- Paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, waterskiing, swimming – every water sport imaginable!
- Fall Fair and Rodeo
- Beach
- Tubing, lake and river floating

Family Winter Outdoor Recreational Activities

- Ice fishing
- Hunting
- Skating
- Hockey
- Snowmobiling
- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing



Ready, set, go!

Education



Science fair excellence



Learning ballet



Beginners hockey

Throughout the Region there are over 1,700 students attending nine schools. There is access to the public, Catholic and separate parent-run Christian school systems. There are three primary schools, two secondary schools, two kindergarten to grade 12 schools, and two outreach schools. CJ Schurter (kindergarten-grade 3) in Slave Lake and the Smith School (kindergarten-grade 12) are proud to offer their students the Leader in Me program which focuses on leadership principles and strategies that build young leaders.

The Slave Lake Northern Lakes College campus offers a high school dual credit program, as well as post-secondary programs including various certificate and diploma programs, university studies, workforce development and apprenticeship programs. In a partnership with the University of Alberta, individuals can complete the entire Bachelor of Education, Aboriginal Teacher Education program, all without leaving their home community.

For those looking to complete their apprenticeship training, Northern Lakes College delivers trades training designed to meet the employment needs of the Region. This includes welding, carpentry and electrical to name a few. In order to

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Fun in art class

Education continued...

provide full support to students coming to Slave Lake from out of the Region, the College offers affordable student housing at the Slave Lake campus. Northern Lakes College also offers quality health programs, such as practical nursing, which has a 100% employment rate upon graduation.

The Rotary Club of Slave Lake Library is a vibrant and exciting place to learn and relax. The Library has over 32,000 items, including CD's, DVD's and even video games. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere as you peruse the vast selection of print and no-print selections that include children's, young adult, and adult fiction and non-fiction books. The Lion's Den is a section of the Library dedicated to young learners where toys, puzzles, games, and read-along's are ready to be explored. The Library also has programming that includes story time, Lego time, youth night, afternoon movies and puzzle and game time. To celebrate annual events and holidays such as St. Patrick's Day and Easter, the Library hosts fun afternoon crafts for learners of all ages.

For adult learners there are also numerous programs available through the Slave Lake Adult Literacy and Learning Program. Programs such as English as a second language, computer literacy, organizational skills, writing and numeracy are offered to promote lifelong learning.



Local learning



Gaining welding skills at Northern Lakes College



Spending time at the Library

Shopping



Excellent local shopping options



Numerous goods and services available

For retail therapy try the Cornerstone Shopping Centre in Slave Lake, or take a venture into the downtown. Large retail stores such as Canadian Tire, Walmart, shoppers Drug Mart, Staples, Stitches, Reitmans, Rexall and the Brick offer staple items and more. It is also worth the time to explore the unique and small businesses in downtown Slave Lake and in the small communities throughout the Region. These little gems provide interesting and exceptional finds that make great gifts for yourself or someone special. Take some time to chat with the shop owner who will have great stories to share about the community and can often point a visitor or newcomer in a direction of fun and excitement.

When it's time for dining, the options around the Region are: steak houses, fusion cuisine, family dining, café style, fast food and more. To discover all of the exciting options that are available to satisfy your palate, we encourage you to visit www.slavelakeregion.ca.



Brand name stores in Cornerstone Shopping Centre



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