

Chamber News Update – February 19th, 2010

1. 2010 Revelstoke Vacation Guide – Sales are wrapping up for this keystone Revelstoke marketing project, but limited space is still available! Don't miss out! 50,000 will be printed. They are distributed and displayed at over 50 Visitor Info Centres, airports, travel outlets and trade shows. New this year: available for PDF download from seerevelstoke.com. Book an appointment today with Greg Lister, Marketing Coordinator, at 250-837-5345 to see the new cutting edge design. The rate card is attached. **Sales deadline is Wednesday, February 24th!**

2. Demonstration and Food Sample Time – We are now reserving space at the 2010 Revelstoke Home and Leisure Show for “Demonstration” and “Food Sample” times. Both of these extremely popular programs were brand new at the 2009 Show and were highly successful. Space is EXTREMELY limited and reservations will be taken on a “first come, first served basis”.
 - i. *Demonstrations* – Available in one hour blocks on Saturday and Sunday, demonstrations of any products and services are welcome. Last year we had masonry demonstrations, hair styling demonstrations, skateboarding demos and more! Cost to reserve is \$100. Included in this price is 1 hour on Saturday and 1 hour on Sunday.
 - ii. *Food Samples* – Designed to help showcase new and existing restaurants or even promote new summer menus, these times are available in 1 hour blocks on both Saturday and Sunday. Cost to reserve is \$100 which includes a 1 hour time slot on Saturday and a 1 hour time slot on Sunday.
 - iii. *One Time Slot* – If 2 days of demonstrations/samples is too much, we have a third option of booking one 1-hour time slot for a rate of \$50.

- For more information and to book your time slots, contact the Chamber first thing on Monday!

3. Revy Rail Jam March 13 – Back by popular demand, this downtown ski and snowboard competition is set to hit Grizzly Plaza on Saturday, March 13th starting at 4pm. Last year approximately 1500 competitors made this signature community event one to remember. We would like to thank all our 2010 Community Sponsors who have already signed on to support this event and encourage others to contact Greg Lister, Marketing Coordinator at the Chamber to find out more about how to get involved. This Sunday, February 21st the Last Drop will be hosting a “Youth Battle of the Bands” from 3-6pm as a fundraiser to help save the Revy Rail Jam. Come out and show your support!

4. HST Info Session March 8th - On July 23, 2009, the Government of British Columbia (BC) announced its plans to implement the HST in British Columbia beginning July 1, 2010. To assist businesses with the HST Transitional rules governing the determination of which tax - the existing provincial retail sales tax or the provincial part of the HST - will apply to transactions that straddle the implementation date, the Canada Revenue Agency is offering free 2 hour information seminars. This info session will be hosted by the Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce in the Macpherson Room of the Rec Centre on **Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30pm.**

5. Chamber Annual General Meeting March 31st - We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, March 31st at noon** in the Powder Springs Restaurant. Lunch will be \$15 per person and reservations are required. Come network with other Chamber members and your Board of Directors. We will be reviewing our accomplishments of 2009 and discussing our goals for 2010.

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