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## Weather



TODAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 15  
LOW OF 9



TUESDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 17  
LOW OF 10



WEDNESDAY:  
PERIODS OF  
RAIN

HIGH OF 13  
LOW OF 6



THURSDAY:  
PERIODS OF  
RAIN

HIGH OF 8  
LOW OF -3



FRIDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 9  
LOW OF 2

# Youth programs

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have been apart for seven months and with the Covid pandemic far from over, it was extremely important to explain to the youth, the necessity of adopting safety measures," shared Ball.

All youth wear masks until they are seated in the building or when moving around. When entering the building the name of each youth, their contact information and health questions are asked. The temperature of all who enter the building is taken, hands are sanitized and each youth and staff are given a task to perform throughout the day to keep surfaces, equipment and hands disinfected. Numbers in the groups have been limited to allow for physical distancing at meeting and activity stations between all youth when masks are not required.

The 12 youth who gathered for the first Saturday group were quickly implicated in creating the plan for the coming weeks of activities, projects and events with all remaining conscious to the limitations and requirements of safety for all during the pandemic. Many ideas were exchanged and included: the creation of new group sweatshirts, increased visibility on social media, awareness activities, in house fun with reduced numbers, safety measures and more....

It is unknown when the Government directives might change and the groups be forced to shut down but in the meantime, the youth strive to make new memories, share in conversation and build connections with others in this very strange reality in which we are all living.

"I think they grasped the whole reality better than we do," said Ball.



SADD member, Hunter Bouchard

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"My co-worker, Eleanor and I worked really hard at getting some youth back in the building. We are going to work at accommodating other groups for the younger youth this week through a new partially "outdoor" program that celebrates farming while implicating the youth in tending animals and experiencing working together in a hobby farm setting," he added.

Cote is a horse owner and enthusiast who has operated riding camps for youth in the past and Ball has found a love for raising pigs, so the two plan to share their passion with elementary aged children with this completely new program idea.

"On Saturday we were with the youth

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.," shared Ball. "It was really nice at the end of the day for Eleanor and me to reflect upon our time with the youth and be left with the sentiment that even though they'd just left, we missed them already," said Ball. "We work with an amazing group of youth!"

For more information about the regular weekly youth programs of the CABMN and updates on Covid adjusted programming visit: [www.cabmn.org](http://www.cabmn.org) and sign up for the organization's weekly newsletter. To contact the Youth Centre call: 450-292-4886 or email Eleanor Cote at [e.cote@cabmn.org](mailto:e.cote@cabmn.org) or Ethan Ball at [e.ball@cabmn.org](mailto:e.ball@cabmn.org)

# Fire Prevention Week celebrates major milestone

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Public Safety Minister Geneviève Guilbault announced the launch of the 30th annual Fire Prevention Week, which takes place between Oct. 4 and 10. The spokesperson for this year's awareness campaign is two-time Olympic medalist Dominique Maltais.

"In our daily lives, in the kitchen or near the BBQ, or in a host of everyday activities, a simple distraction can cause a serious fire, injuries, burns or even loss of life," said Maltais.

The Olympian trained as a firefighter with the Baie-Saint-Paul Fire Department. The theme of the week-long event is about accountability. People need to be aware of the dangers of an open fire or safety hazards.

Maltais added that in the event of a fire, people have less than three minutes to get out. It's important to ensure the smoke alarm is working, she continued, and to consider an evacuation plan, which can save countless lives.

Nearly half of all residential fires

in Quebec are linked to distractions or human error, according to a press release. This year, Fire Prevention Week will focus on informing the public of the many sources of distraction people can find in the kitchen.

"We all have a preventive role to play in the face of fire risks, notably by being vigilant and responsible in our behaviour," said Guilbault. "With nearly half of all fires caused by distraction or human error, we are the first to be able to protect ourselves against a fire in our home."

## Ben by Daniel Shelton

