Interpretive Event Report

Wood Buffalo National Park

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| **Program** | **Title** | Frolics: Wood Buffalo National Park Snowshoe |
| **Date** | March 11th 2023 |
| **Location** | Salt River Day Use Area |
| **Description** | Join the Wood Buffalo Frolics celebration at the Salt River Day Use area for a morning of snowshoeing fun. Trek around in the snow, check out the Salt River Meadows, or make your way down to the riverbank, Fun to be had for all ages! |
| **Breakdown** | Wear something warm & bring mugs for Hot Chocolate, Snowshoes provided on a first come first serve basis.  |
| **Audience** | **Target** | All Ages! |
| **Actual** | Adults  |
| **Reception** | One Drive by, 2 Adult Locals |
| **Logistics** | **Timing** | 8:30 am – Prep @ Visitor Center, Gathering last bits of supplies8:45 am - Leaving the visitor Center9:00 am – Unload vehicle, START FIRE and boiling water9:30 am – People arrive to start fitting their snowshoes10:00 am – Salt River Meadows Hike11:00 pm – Limit Trail Access11:30 am – Hot Chocolate in the cabin 1:00 pm – Pack up and head out |
| **Promotion** | Facebook, and Parks Website  |
| **Cost** | Buying Hot Chocolate |
| **Preparation** | Snowshoes in Vehicle, Cups, spoon & hot Chocolate, Kindling and fire starter,  |
| **Staffing** | 1 staff member/volunteer to watch the cabin/fire and any stragglers who are not on the hike and 1 staff member to guide the hikers. |
| **Event Summary** |
| Gary (Volunteer) & I left the visitor Center at approximately 8:40. We arrived at the SRDUA shortly before 9am. We cleaned the benches surrounding the fire of snow and started the campfire before moving to the shelter to start a fire inside. While waiting for participants we swept and tidied the interior of the Dëldël Kué Day Use Shelter. Shortly after 10am, a white truck came through the parking lot. They did a slow drive by around the loop before leaving the site. At approximately 10:50 another vehicle arrived with two local adults. They inquired about the “snowshoe races” and I informed them of the miscommunication. With the lack of races, they decided not to snowshoe and instead we all chatted. Topics included, The Winter Road, Programming at the SRDUA, Fishing, and the various options for Park Trails. They stuck around for about an hour after which Gary & I started to clean-up. We left the site shortly after 12 and got back to town by 12:30. I filled the vehicle with gas, emptied everything from the vehicle besides the snowshoes and left VE by 1pm. |
| **Overall Impressions** |
| Lots of events ongoing over the weekend meant the snowshoe got lost in the craziness. The morning is also a difficult time to get participants. |
| **Future Recommendations** |
| 1. Check in on the smoke alarms inside the Dëldël Kué Day Use Shelter
2. Next years frolics event into a snowshoe race with multiple heats
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Equipment Required

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| Refreshments | * Hot Chocolate
* Red Rose Tea
* Water Jugs (2-4)
* Large Pots (2)
* Oven Mitts
* Ladle
* Extra Cups
* Napkins
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| Equipment  | * Radio
* Sat Phone
* Bear Spray
* Air Horn
* First Aid Kit
* Extra Kindling
* Shovel
* Snowshoes
* Photo Release Forms
* Pens
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