

Marathon Area Action Centre

CAPS (COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM STUDENTS)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- GED Examination dates set for February 26th and February 27th
- Service Canada Visits MAAC February 4th
- Basics of Prospecting and Claim Staking
- Read on for much more info..

The Marathon Public Library has offered the assistance of the CAP Students to the Marathon Area Action Centre. Three students are available in the office, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 12:00-1:30pm. These individuals are capable of assisting anyone who requires assistance on a variety of computer programs such as:

- ❄ Searching databases for employment
- ❄ Attaching resumes to e-mails
- ❄ Writing resumes using Microsoft Word
- ❄ Preparing presentations using Microsoft Power Point

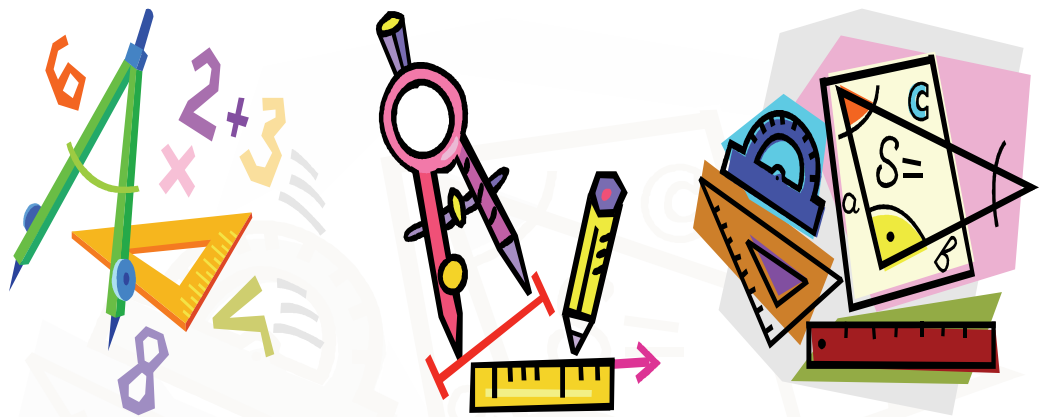
❄ Much more...

Please feel free to book an appointment for assistance from the students. Walk-ins are also welcome.



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GED ROUND TWO & TUTORING

The second round of the GED course is well underway. We currently have 17 students enrolled and preparing to write the final exam. The Marathon Area Action Centre, in partnership with the Terrace Bay/Schreiber Adult Learning Centre Office have secured Tutors who are

available to assist the students of the GED course, Monday through Friday in a variety of areas of study, including Math and English. To book a session with a tutor, please contact Debbie or Line at the Marathon Area Action Centre.

The GED final exam dates have been confirmed for Friday February 26th and Saturday February 27th. We would like to wish all students that are enrolled in the course and participating in the exam the very Best of Luck!!!!

WELCOMING 2 NEW MEMBERS TO THE LAC

Due to the recent departure of a member of our Labour Adjustment Committee (a committee that oversees the operations of the Marathon Area Action Centre) we have been seeking a new member to sit on the committee to represent former non-union staff from Marathon Pulp Inc. and one member from the community-at-large.

We would like to thank all those who expressed an interest in joining our committee.

During our most recent LAC meeting,

the group reached a consensus. We would like to congratulate and welcome Leslie Ransom as our new community-at-large member of the Labour Adjustment Committee, and Jim Collins as our non-union staff member of the LAC. We are looking forward to working with them both!



{ “continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential” ~ Winston Churchill }

FYI: INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ACCESSED SECOND CAREER OR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

“Should the affected worker decide to leave a course of their own volition then Service Canada may require that they pay back their extended EI Benefits.”

The affected worker would have to deal with Service Canada in order to obtain a determination on the overpayment.

It is important that affected workers in this situation have all the necessary information to make the most informed decision prior to leaving the course.

Should anyone have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact your local service Canada representative: Marathon 229-0959

From within Canada and the United States, you can call us toll-free Monday to Friday. For callers in Canada, service is available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., your local time. From the United States, service is available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time. Service is provided in English and French. 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232).

SOCIAL EVENTS ~ LET'S BE CREATIVE!



ONTARIO WORKS

<p>How does Ontario Works Help?</p> <p>Different people have different needs. That's why Ontario Works has a number of ways to help you.</p> <p>The following are some areas in which you may be able to get assistance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practical help finding a job 2. Community Placement 3. Basic education 4. Job skills training 5. Learning, Earning and Parenting (LEAP) 6. Employment placement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Earnings Incentives 8. Help with expenses <p>If you would like to know more about Ontario works and their programs Call your local Ontario Works Office.</p> <p>Marathon 229-2157</p> <p>Manitouwadge 826-4809</p>
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The Marathon Area Action Centre's Staff are seeking creative ideas for social activities to offer to our clients and their families. If you have an idea that we can put together and offer to our clients, please feel free to offer your suggestions to the staff or peer helpers of the Centre. Following are some ideas being looked into - please let us know if you would like to take part...

- 1) Fun Card Tournament for Adults
- 2) Ice Fishing Derby for Kids

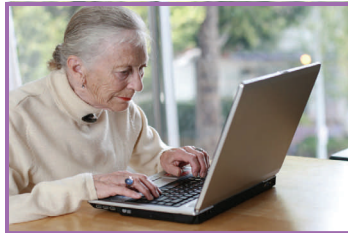
BASIC MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL

Do you require assistance with changing an address on a resume?

Do you have trouble with icons in Microsoft Word?

Would you like to know how to make a basic spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel?

The Marathon Area Action Centre has teamed up with Superior North Community Futures Development Corporation to offer the Basics of Microsoft Word and Excel workshop. If you would be interested in taking part in a future workshop, please contact Debbie or Line at the MAAC to register.



Easy enough for Everyone!



SERVICE CANADA CITIZEN SERVICE SPECIALIST

Each month a Citizen Service Specialist comes to Marathon Area Action Centre from Thunder Bay. Each time the specialist covers a topic of concern for our clients.

Do you need help filling out your Employment Insurance application?...or your application for Income Security Benefits?

Are you looking for information on the Government of Canada's programs and services?

**Thursday February 4th, 2010
Retirement & EI Benefits**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come to the MAAC and meet with a Service Canada Agent.

BASICS OF BUDGETING

A budget is a money plan. Using a budget you can organize and control your financial resources, set and realize goals, and decide in advance how your money will work for you. A budget can be as simple as it is powerful.

A budget is the most effective financial management tool available to anyone. Whether you are making lots of money

or a little bit of money, it is important to know how much money you have to spend, and where you are spending it.

The Marathon Area Action Centre, together with Superior North Community Futures Development Corporation will be hosting a **BASICS OF BUDGETING WORKSHOP!**

Tuesday March 9th, 2010.

To register and for further details please see Debbie or Line at the Marathon Area Action Centre.

"Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort."

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

CUSTOMER SERVICE



What is Customer Service?

"Excellent Customer Service is the ability of an organization to constantly and consistently exceed the customers expectations."

Accepting this definition means expanding our thinking about customer

service. We have to know that every aspect of business has a huge impact on customer service, not only the aspects that involve face-to-face customer contact.

Where do we begin?

We begin right here at this workshop.

Learn the Do's and Don'ts of Customer Service practices.

For more information on the Customer Service Workshop, the date and time will be posted at the MAAC.

Please see Debbie or Line at the Marathon Area Action Centre to register.



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The Marathon Labour Adjustment Committee (LAC) has been formed to assist laid off individuals due to the indefinite idling of Marathon Pulp Inc. (MPI) to move toward suitable re-employment or other satisfactory options. One of the primary functions of the Committee is to oversee the operation of the Marathon Area Action Centre (MAAC), funded by the Government of Ontario. The Action Centre is a facility designed to provide job search assistance, outreach to affected workers, personal support in dealing with the stress of job loss, assistance with financial counseling and much more!!!

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CAPS <i>GED Prep Class</i>	3 CAPS <i>Prospectors Course</i> <i>GED Prep Class</i>	4 CAPS <i>Prospectors Course</i> <i>SERVICE CANADA</i> <i>9am - 12pm</i>	5 <i>Prospectors Course</i>	6
7	8	9 <i>Word & Excel</i> <i>8am - 4pm</i> <i>GED Prep Class</i>	10 CAPS <i>GED Prep Class</i>	11 CAPS	12	13
14	15 USW Local 548 meeting 7pm @ Royal Canadian Legion	16 CAPS <i>GED Prep Class</i>	17 8am - 4pm <i>Home Based Small Business Workshop</i> <i>GED Prep Class</i>	18 CAPS	19	20
21	22	23 CAPS <i>GED Prep Class</i>	24 CAPS <i>GED Prep Class</i>	25 CAPS	26 <i>GED EXAM</i> <i>GOOD LUCK!</i>	27 <i>GED EXAM</i> <i>GOOD LUCK!</i>
28			Basics of Prospecting and Claim Staking Feb. 3-5 is being offered in Manitouwadge. For more info, Contact Economic Development Assistant, Karen Robinson at 1-888-826-PLAY (7529) or 826-3227 ext. 240.			