

## Mountaineering News from Yamnuska Mountain Adventures



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## Yamnuska Mountain Adventures NEWS

**Hello,**

Summer is here! The snow is melting and our first rock climbing and mountaineering trips started at the end of May.

We are looking forward to a great summer; we've changed a few itineraries and added a few new trips such as Yoho Peaks. As well, the old Alpine Rock course and old Bugaboos Alpine has merged into the new Bugaboos Granite trip.

We hope to see you out here this summer.

Happy climbing!  
Rob Davidson  
Assistant Director

## YOHO PEAKS - New for 2008!

This program has been designed as a direct progression from the Snow and Ice Long Weekend and the Intro to Mountaineering Course. It takes place in the Little Yoho Valley just west of Lake Louise.

Our objective is to climb some really nice peaks, have a lot of fun doing it and to practice and refine our mountaineering skills.

We will achieve this with ascents of peaks such as the President and Vice President, Mount McArthur, Mount Kerr and Isolated Peak.

[Learn more about the Yoho Peaks trip.](#)



### CLEAN UP YOUR CRAP - WAG BAGS

In keeping with Yamnuska Mountain Adventures (YMA) support of the Leave No Trace principals and our overall commitment to minimizing our impact on the mountains we love so much, YMA started using Wag Bags on all glaciated programs.

WAG Bags are a double-bag system designed for times when ordinary water toilets are not available. They are puncture resistant, with handy zip closure and long shelf life. Each waste bag contains a non-toxic powder that gels liquid, catalyzes decay and removes odor. WAG Bags are biodegradable and approved for landfill disposal.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MOUNTAIN GUIDE BRETT LAWRENCE

YMA sends a huge congratulations to Brett Lawrence for completing his final exam with the **Association of Canadian Mountain Guides** and become a fully certified international mountain guide.

Mountain Guides hold the highest internationally recognized qualification for instruction and guiding in rock and ice climbing, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, and ski touring.

Brett grew up in Eastern Ontario and he has always been passionate about the outdoors. Early adventures in the Adirondacks were followed by the Yamnuska **Mountain Skills Semester** after which the die was cast and Brett moved to the mountains to focus on building the experience which ultimately allowed him to gain guide certification. An expert mountaineer, Brett has been a mainstay of our rock climbing program for several years and spread his wings to join us on ice and alpine programs. Brett now calls Revelstoke home.

YMA would also like to congratulate the following guides for completing their exams:

**Matt Peter** - Mountain Guide

**Jesse De Montigny** - Ski Guide *(also an Assistant Alpine Guide)*

**Jeff Relph** - Ski Guide *(also an Assistant Alpine Guide)*

**Tom Gruber** - Ski Guide *(also an Assistant Rock Guide)*

**Grant Meekins** - Assistant Ski Guide *(also an Alpine Guide)*

**Nick Rapaich** - Assistant Ski Guide *(also an Assistant Rock Guide)*

**Marc D'Astous** - Top Rope Climbing Instructor

**Derek Anderson** - Top Rope Climbing Instructor

## YMA CLIENTS SAVE ON CLIMBING GEAR

For the convenience and assistance of our clients and others, Yamnuska Mountain Adventures is now a retailer for brand such as Petzl, Outdoor Research, Deuter, and High Gear. We offer a selection of equipment packages that are designed to be used with our programs.

If you have taken a program in the last two years, or are registered for an upcoming program, you can SAVE 10% on our already competitive prices.

[Learn More About YMA Gear Sale](#)

YMA also has from time to time used climbing gear in good condition for sale (in-office sales only). If you are here for a program this summer, please ask about our used gear sales or email [gear@yamnuska.com](mailto:gear@yamnuska.com).



Yamnuska Mountain Adventures is currently working a variety of new international trips. The winter of 07/08 and spring of 08 will see us returning to Peru, climbing the Mexican volcano [El Pic D'Orizaba](#), tackling the 6000m peak Aconcagua, skiing [Hokkaido Powder](#) in Japan, ski mountaineering on the [European Haute Route](#), and an expedition on the Southern Patagonian Ice Cap!

Keep watching the website and newsletters as the trips continue to develop.

Sincerely,

Rob Davidson  
Yamnuska Mountain Adventures

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