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You're Invited!

It is with great pleasure that we would like to extend to you an invitation to send up to two of your staff to the Spring 2009 Interpretive Training Camp hosted by Manitoba Provincial Parks.

For the past 37 years we have conducted a week-long residential interpretive training workshop. It was originally held at Hecla Provincial Park, and then moved to the government training facility in Gimli for a short time before settling at the Red Rock Bible Camp in Whiteshell Provincial Park in the mid-1980s. In the early years, this training workshop was extended to other agencies that employed seasonal and full-time heritage interpreters. We moved away from that, but now we'd like to bring it back.

We are proud of this training camp. Past participants have moved on to full-time careers in interpretation all across Canada. During camp, your staff will gain an understanding of what is expected of them as the primary contact and information source for any site or attraction. They will:

- gain insight into how to develop and lead interpretive programs and presentations;
- learn how to improve their verbal and non-verbal communication skills;
- acquire techniques and knowledge that will help your visitor connect with your site;
- meet other creative and interesting colleagues.

I have enclosed a training package for your review. Your only cost will be the fee charged by the camp for four nights accommodation and all meals (\$115 + 5% GST for each participant) and transportation to and from the camp. All training sessions are free of charge.

If you would like to take advantage of this terrific opportunity, I will need to have the names and contact information of the staff you will be sending by May 1, 2009. Please contact me at 204-369-3157 with this information. It will be great to have your agency participate in this year's camp.

Yours sincerely,

Morgan Hallett
Senior Park Interpreter