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UPCOMING EVENTS



WDM Moose Jaw

Through August 24	Heritage Club Workshops & Activities
August 4 – October 21	<i>Canola: A Story of Canadian Innovation</i> exhibit from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
July 28 – 29	Brickspo
August 6	Saskatchewan Day
August 18	Blow Off Some Steam
September 29	Seniors' Week Tea

WDM North Battleford

July 16 – 20	Heritage Farm and Village Kids' Camps (pre-registration required)
August 11 – 12	Those Were The Days

WDM Saskatoon

Through November	<i>They Were There...Over There</i> exhibit from the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
Through August 26	Summer Programming, Friday – Sunday
July 23 – 27	Living History Young Pioneer Camp (pre-registration required)
July 30 – August 3	Living History Young Pioneer Camp (pre-registration required)
August 13 – 17	Living History Young Pioneer Camp (pre-registration required)

WDM Yorkton

July 15	Movies at the Museum
July 22	Discovery Box Family Programming & Movies at the Museum
July 23 – September 30	<i>Our Collective Threads</i> , WDM exhibit
August 4 – 5	63rd Annual Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival
August 14 – 16	Children's Pioneer Days (pre-registration required)
August 19	Discovery Box Family Programming
September 16	Grandparents' Day

Events and dates listed here are subject to change.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Students Enrich The WDM

The WDM has been very fortunate over the years to be able to employ some great summer students and this year is no exception. Thanks to federal student employment programs like Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs we have been able to offer a variety of employment experiences for students at all our Museum locations. This summer we have been very fortunate to welcome 12 students to the WDM.

In Moose Jaw, we are pleased to have Cody, Brittnee-Anne and Megan working with us this summer. Cody, Summer Interpreter, is focusing on outreach this summer attending events like the Moose Jaw Homegrown Market, Sidewalk Days, Wakamow Kids' Day, etc.

Brittnee-Anne, Education/Public Programs Assistant, is preparing and implementing Moose Jaw's new Summer Heritage Club while Megan, Summer Maintenance Assistant, is helping to keep the Museum looking its very best, inside and out, for all our summer visitors.

North Battleford is excited to have Tori and Jenelle working in the Customer Service Department providing excellent customer service for our visitors as well as helping with programming including planning and implementing school programs and special events, preparing for the North Battleford and Battleford parades and providing outreach at North Battleford's Street festival in July. Yuri is a multi-purpose individual hired in the maintenance department including assisting with artifact cleaning and care, keeping the museum grounds clean and helping with small maintenance projects. Marina is focused entirely on programming and is assisting with planning and implementing Summer Day Camps and Those Were The Days.

Saskatoon is pleased to have Rachelle and Rayna working as Education/Public Programs Summer Student Assistants. Both Rachelle and Rayna will be working on a variety of summer programming for the Museum including outreach programming at Pike Lake Provincial Park, planning and delivering the Living History Young Pioneer Camp program as well as demonstrating traditional skills and crafts for visitors to the Museum.

In Yorkton, we are happy to have Sarah, Cassidy and Teghan working with us this summer. All three are busy assisting with school and youth tours, demonstrations and special events. They are also providing visitor reception and tourism information assistance as well as working in the gift shop and helping care for the artifacts in Yorkton.

These employment opportunities would not be possible without the support of the Department of Canadian Heritage's Young Canada Works program or the Canada Summer Jobs program offered through Employment and Social Development Canada. We are grateful to the Government of Canada for this support.

Have a great summer everyone!

Sincerely,
Joan Kanigan, CEO

IN THE GALLERIES

A WDM Moose Jaw – *Canola: A Story of Innovation*
from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum
August 4 – October 21



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PHOTO COURTESY OF INGENIUM – CANADA'S MUSEUMS OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

B WDM North Battleford – *McLaren Farmhouse*
WDM Exhibit



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C WDM Saskatoon – *They Were There...Over There*
from the Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
Through November



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D WDM Yorkton – *Our Collective Threads*
WDM Travelling Exhibit
Through September 30

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Those Were The Days

WDM North Battleford

August 11 - 12, 2018

Have you ever ridden on a fire truck? Check this experience and more off your bucket list at Those Were the Days! The weekend promises something for everyone, from sack races, to bouncy castles, to old fashioned carnival games like milk bottle throw, to a new “Who did it?” mystery to solve. Make sure you snag a prime spot on the Village boardwalk for the Parade of Power!

There will also be a special Sunday treat – a visit from Dr. Von Houligan’s Carnival of Calamities. The show includes mad science, balancing acts, magic, balloon animals, stilts, acrobatics, juggling, unicycle and even fire breathing!

Adults \$12

Seniors/Students \$12

Children (12 and under) free

Family \$25

WDM members FREE

Weekend passes available

WDM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WDM MOOSE JAW



SUMMER STUDENTS BRITTNEE AND CODY POSING IN THE '26 CHEVY SUPERIOR.

#WheresCody Contest

Our Summer Interpreter Cody will be out and about at local events sharing Saskatchewan's story with a pop-up Museum and WDM activities. Spot him, snap a selfie, and share it on social media with the hashtag #WheresCody to win great WDM prizes throughout the summer. Plus, we'll make a draw for a Family Membership from all entries at the end of August!

Brickspo

JULY 28 – 29, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM DAILY

See amazing creations by the talented adult builders of SLUG, the Saskatchewan LEGO® Users Group, and others from across western Canada. There will be come and go workshops daily facilitated by AIMBOT, a LEGO® yard sale and other vendors (cash only), and a concession on-site from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Saskatchewan Day

AUGUST 6, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

You're invited to celebrate our wonderful province with us! In addition to special "Saskatchewan Inspired" activities and crafts throughout the afternoon, we will also be showing a selection of short films from the National Film Board all about the land that's hard to spell but easy to draw.

WDM MOOSE JAW

K+S SHORT LINE 101

Watch for upcoming operating dates (weather permitting) on our website. Please call ahead.

HERITAGE CLUB (AGES 5 TO 18)

July – August

Join the Club to take part in workshops, hands-on activities, demonstrations and meet special guest speakers. Visit our website to register.

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JULY – AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily



WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD



EXPLORE THE HERITAGE VILLAGE THIS SUMMER

Heritage Farm and Village Kids' Camps (Ages 7 – 10)

JULY 16 – 20, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM DAILY

Looking for a fun way for your kids to meet new friends this summer? Sign them up for one or all the days of our Kids' Camp.



Campers will explore our outdoor Heritage Farm & Village, go on a horse and wagon ride, make rope and other crafts, and learn about life on a 1920s farm.

Host Your Next Event at the WDM

From weddings and family reunions to small business meetings or large corporate events the WDM North Battleford has a unique space for you. Did you know that in addition to our indoor meeting spaces you can rent our outdoor Gazebo and the Heritage Village Tea Room? Whether your guest list is for 20 or 500, our staff will work with you to make sure your celebration or corporate event is perfect in every way. Check our website or call us for more details. We look forward to hosting you!

WDM NORTH BATTLEFORD

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JULY – AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily





CRUISE IN FOR A SELFIE IN OUR 1916 MCLAUGHLIN!

Summer Fun in the Museum

The WDM Saskatoon offers more reasons than ever to visit this summer, including special afternoon programs on Boomtown Street Fridays through Sundays from July 14 – August 26. From demonstrations of heritage skills and crafts to costumed interpreters, each day will have something to offer. Contact the WDM before your visit for more information!

Out & About in Saskatoon

WDM summer staff will be in and around Saskatoon this summer. You'll find us at Pike Lake Provincial Park on Tuesday, July 17 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm as we share some awesome kids' activities.

We will also be at the Nutrien Fringe Theatre and Street Festival Family Days this year! Come see us on August 5 – 6 from 12:00 – 6:00 pm.

Living History Young Pioneer Camps

Journey back in time to experience the work and play of our pioneers. Learn to milk a cow, grind wheat into flour, bake bread, churn butter and more. Camps are open to children ages 7 – 10. Pre-registration is required.

- July 23 – 27 & July 30 – August 3, 1:00 – 4:30 pm
- August 13 – 17, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm (This camp is currently full. Interested parents are welcome to sign up on the waiting list.)

WDM SASKATOON

PARKING LOT PROJECT REMINDER

We are open during construction! Follow the signs to temporary parking and entrance locations.

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JULY – AUGUST HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

WDM YORKTON

LEARNING TO BAKE AT THE
CHILDREN'S PIONEER CAMP



Movies at the Museum

JULY 15 & 22, 2:00 PM

Established in 1947, the Yorkton Film Festival is North America's longest running film festival. The WDM proudly partners with YFF to share films from the festival starting on various Sundays throughout the summer.

Discovery Box Family Programming

JULY 22 & AUGUST 19, 2:00 PM

Hands-on history for the whole family! Get up close with our educational Discovery Boxes, featuring artifacts, stories and history from Indigenous and pioneer cultures. Great for all ages!

Children's Pioneer Day

AUGUST 14 – 16

This camp for children aged 8 – 12 features handicrafts, cooking and baking activities, wagon rides, pioneer demonstrations and Museum tours. Plus, a family picnic on Thursday!

The cost is \$75 for WDM members and \$100 for non-members. Pre-registration is required so register early as space is limited.

WDM YORKTON

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JULY – AUGUST HOURS

To August 12
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

After August 12
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday-Friday
12:00 – 5:00 pm weekends



FEATURE



Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival

WDM YORKTON

AUGUST 4 - 5, 2018

An annual tradition since 1955, the Threshermen's Show and Seniors' Festival has treated generations of visitors to a glimpse of Saskatchewan's agricultural heritage. Demonstrations of threshing, sawmilling, blacksmithing, grain grinding, and rolled oats milling are presented, along with old-fashioned homemaking skills such as churning ice cream, quilting and baking bread in our outdoor clay oven.

If it's the spirit of competition that attracts you, be sure to participate in the stooking competition, or for the antique collector, the antique car and tractor competitions. Special highlights include the Story of Harvest, plowing demonstrations and the Hobby & Handicraft Sale.

Enjoy non-stop entertainment on the outdoor bandstand, including a Sunday Morning Hymn Sing. Fun for the kids are the old-fashioned games, horse-drawn rides and a pedal tractor pull. Concessions are on the grounds and feature a pancake breakfast on Sunday. The event runs from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm each day. Everyone is welcome!

FEATURE



Full Steam Ahead at WDM Moose Jaw

Thank you to K+S Potash Canada for your sponsorship of the Short Line 101, now known as the **K+S Potash Canada Short Line 101**. Thanks to their generous support, the WDM completed the rebuild of the ¼ mile track, ensuring the safety of passengers and crew. The Museum has also created an education program to train certified operators and crew volunteers and will offer free day passes to families staying at the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital.

We would also like to thank CP Rail, Cypress Paving Ltd., Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club, Vintage Aircraft Restorers, Saskatchewan Lego Users Group, SaskTel Pioneers and many other local supporters.

Blow Off Some Steam Day

WDM MOOSE JAW

AUGUST 18, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Enjoy a visit to the Museum and learn about the importance of steam in our transportation history, from trains and tractors to cars and machinery! Check out model engine displays and take part in a special steam-themed family scavenger hunt.

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WDM Curatorial Centre

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WDM Curatorial Centre Business Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

Closed statutory holidays

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