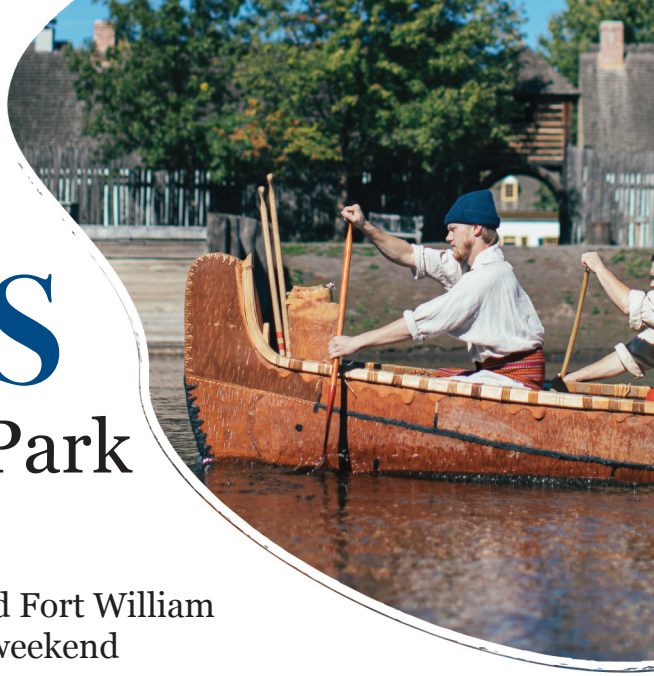


# THE GREAT RENDEZVOUS

at Fort William Historical Park

July 8 to 16 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This nine-day event highlights the people who helped build Fort William Historical Park and its fur trade history, culminating in a weekend re-enactment of the historic Great Rendezvous.



## Admission

Daily event admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, students and youth, and children five and under are free. The Park is offering a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season Pass; \$90 for a family (four people) and \$50 for an individual. All prices include HST. Admission is free for Indigenous Persons, military personnel and veterans.

## Our Partners

Over 70 regional, national, and international partners will be participating throughout the event, providing demonstrations and presentations, including Canada West Maple, Eco-Superior, Roots Community Food Centre, Thunder Bay Field Naturalists, Thunder Bay Museum, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Science North, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, and Heart of the Continent Partnership.

## James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Awards

On July 15, Fort William Historical Park will welcome The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Her Honour will be presenting the James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Awards, which recognize Indigenous students for their creative writing talents. During her visit, Her Honour will also participate in the Great Rendezvous Celebration's Grand Arrival and unveil a new plaque recognizing the achievements of the great Canadian explorer and cartographer, David Thompson.



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## July 8-9: Celtic Days

Fort William Historical Park invites everyone to join us for a celebration of Celtic culture, music, dance, hands-on activities, and great food! Featuring local pipe and drum bands, Highland dance, Welsh love cakes, and more. Celtic-themed fun to be had in our Celtic Kids' Corner with our Highland Games competition! Try a traditional Scottish shortbread or purchase your very own Celtic knot in Artisan Alley – an onsite market filled with specialty handmade goods. Whether you're looking to toss a caber or taste some haggis, Celtic Days will be a grand time!

## July 10: Northern Nature

Enjoy a day of outdoor exploration delving into the natural history of Fort William Historical Park. Experience guided hikes and canoe tours with local experts, and public programming provided by Science North, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Royal Astronomical Society, and the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists, among others.

### Enjoy two free public presentations!

At 7 p.m. join David Phillips, Senior Climatologist for Environment & Climate Change Canada, for "Thunder Bay's Weather – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," which will explore a reconstruction of the Thunder Bay region's climate history. Then at 8:30 p.m. join Travis Novitsky, a proud citizen of Grand Portage Anishinaabe Nation, as he shares his passion for nature and wildlife photography.





## July 11: Farm & Food

Come and meet experts from Science North, Thunder Bay Horticultural Society, Thunder Bay Master Gardeners, Roots Community Food Centre (formerly known as Roots to Harvest), Sleepy G Farm, and Canada West Maple and learn about food science, technology and horticultural history in fun and immersive ways.



## July 12: Art & Music

Listen and learn about the fur trade, Indigenous Peoples, the Bourgeois and the Voyageurs through music, dancing, art, and stories.

## July 13-16: Great Rendezvous Historic Re-enactment

Over 100 historic re-enactors from across North America will converge to recreate the annual summer gathering held at Fort William over 200 years ago when it was the inland headquarters of the North West Company, which at the time, was the world's largest fur trading enterprise.



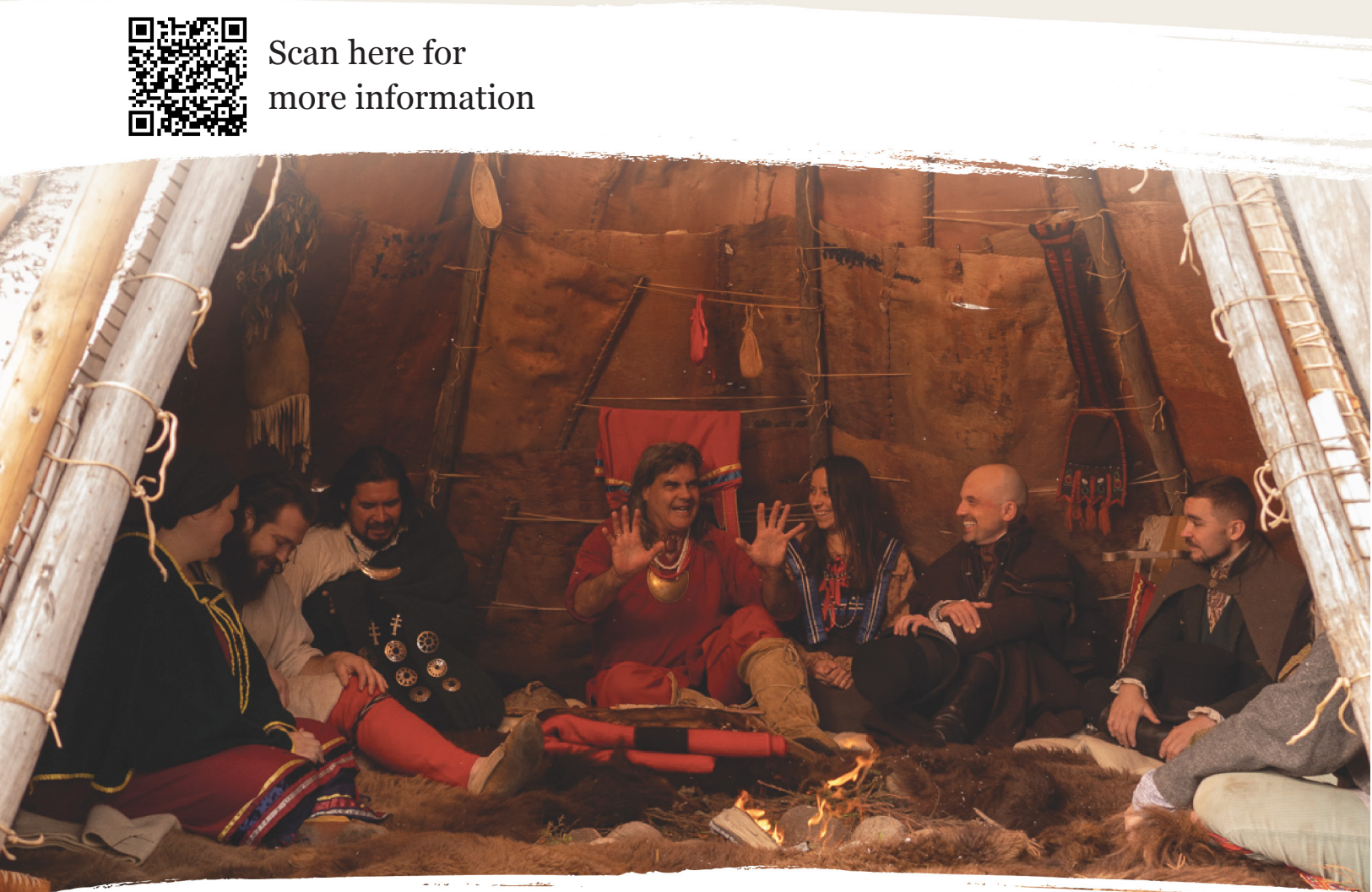


# Highlights

- Artisan Alley
- Kids Celtic Corner
- Free public presentations by David Phillips, Senior Climatologist with Environment & Climate Change Canada, Travis Novitsky, nature and wildlife photographer
- Interactive demonstrations with Science North
- Guided Forest Therapy with EcoSuperior
- Knowledge sharing with Anishinaabe Elders
- Maple sugar making demonstrations
- Listening to the Fur Trade with Daniel Laxer
- Indigenous hand drumming
- Workshops on Métis Jigging and Dot Art
- Beaver Ball, presented by the Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre
- Grand Arrival of Many Canoes & Cannon Salute
- Musical performances by Pierre Schreyer & Adam Dobres, Daniel Laxer and many more



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