

MEEWASIN EXPLORER

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Meewasin Interpretive Canoe Tours

Each summer residents and guests of Saskatoon have an opportunity to experience interpretive canoe tours on the South Saskatchewan River in Meewasin's 10 passenger voyageur clipper canoes. Three hour tours leave from Beaver Creek onto the South Saskatchewan River. Adult tours usually paddle upriver to the Berry Barn. Youth tours paddle to a sand bar for an interpretive outing. Gillian May is in her 4th year as a canoe tour guide with Meewasin. She is a certified canoeist / National Lifeguard, and experienced with the large canoes. Adult groups can charter the canoes for \$200 a canoe. Non profit youth groups, through sponsorship programs, are able access the program at no charge. If the river is running at about 120 cubic metres per second providing appropriate channels up river and the weather is clement, Meewasin will have over 100 tours (1000 participants) throughout the summer months of May to August. Meewasin canoe tours are geared for the novice inexperienced canoeists giving them an opportunity to experience the river from the river.

Saskatchewan Marathon

The Saskatchewan Marathon is in its 32nd year. Each year the event brings together participants of different fitness levels from across Canada for a weekend of competition and fun. This year's event will be held in Saskatoon on Sunday, May 30 at 7:00 a.m. and will feature 10 km, Half-Marathon and Marathon distances with a course accessible for runners, walkers and wheelchair athletes. Register today and discover the beauty of running one of the most scenic marathon races in Canada! Meewasin is the designated charity for any profits from this year's Saskatchewan Marathon. Staff and volunteers from Meewasin will be operating a marathon water station just outside of the Meewasin building on Spadina Crescent.

Clean Up Campaign

The Kick-off for the Meewasin-Affinity Credit Union Clean-up Campaign took place on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at St. Edward School. The program featured greetings from Meewasin, the Affinity Credit Union, and St. Edward School. As a commitment to conservation, the participants engaged in a ceremonial signing of the Meewasin-Affinity Credit Union garbage bag.

The event kicked off a three week long clean-up of the river valley, city parks and neighborhoods by schools, community groups and individuals who last year represented over 22,000 volunteers throughout the City of Saskatoon.

Meewasin & Affinity Credit Union



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEEWASIN



Meewasin Plant-A-Tree Ceremony

Meewasin's 23rd Annual Plant-A-Tree ceremony will be held June 19, 2010 at Innovation Place, 15 Innovation Boulevard. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Silverspring School (610 Konihowski Rd bordering the Saskatoon Natural Grasslands). Final preparations for the event are in progress. Please call 665-6887 for more information.

Gallery Opening - "Celebrating Our World" May 2nd, 2010 at the Meewasin Valley Centre On Display from May 1 - June 30, 2010

Georges Vanier Catholic Fine Arts School is in Saskatoon in the Avalon area. www.scs.sk.ca/van

Students that attend the school are exposed to all four strands of the Fine Arts Curriculum visual art, drama, dance and music, on a regular basis. Monique Martin (www.moniqueart.com) teaches the Visual Arts component. She is an international artist, and has received both the Prime Minister's Award and the Governor General's Award for Teaching Excellence.

The students are exposed to many types of art styles, including the works of Canadian and international artists. The understanding of art history and the exploration of ideas are as important as the production of art. Art History is a large component of each unit studied. The children view slides of artwork and discuss the mediums, ideas, artist etc. The students work in many different mediums each year and are encouraged to express their ideas through art, not just reproduce the world that is around them.

This exhibition includes artwork that explores the students' immediate environment. Drawing inspiration from everyday experiences provides a wealth of imagery and inspiration.

Fundraiser for Meewasin!

A limited edition Meewasin branded SIGG Water Bottle will be available at Brainsport on Broadway Avenue this spring. Sponsored by Brainsport, these water bottles come in two sizes - 600 mL and 1 litre and will be printed with the Meewasin trail map and running loop distances as well as Meewasin signature graphics. Extruded from a single piece of aluminum, these innovative Water Bottles are lightweight, rugged, and completely reusable and recyclable. A ground-breaking interior lining is 100% effective against leaching and combats residue build-up, is easy to clean and ensures that all you taste is the water, juice or the energy drink that you just poured into the bottle, even after it's been sitting in the sun! Ten dollars (\$10) from every sale will be donated to Meewasin. Head to Brainsport and get yours today!



Kiwanis Donate Equipment to the Meewasin Rink!

The Saskatoon Kiwanis recently made a donation of skating helper equipment to the Meewasin Skating Rink presented by Tim Hortons. The donation helps young skaters to stay on their feet while they are learning to skate. Roberta Wells, spokesperson for the Kiwanis says about the donation, "Globally, the Kiwanis Club is committed to "Serving the Children of the World." Our "Priority One" is to serve children up to five years old, whether in international communities or in local ones. While visiting the Meewasin rink in Kiwanis Memorial Park, we saw many small children just learning to skate and saw a need to provide Skating Helpers to assist them with balance, as well as protective helmets to keep them safe. In Saskatoon, we take a great deal of pride in Kiwanis Memorial Park as a fun and healthy environment for families." *Thank you Kiwanis!*



Meewasin Pelican Watch Contest

Congratulations to Shelby Campbell who guessed April 16, 2010 at 5:30 pm! Shelby won a Mountain Bike – Courtesy of Realty Executives Saskatoon.

The first official pelican to touch down between the C. P. Bridge and the weir did so Friday, April 16, 2010 at 5:32 pm, as observed by the official spotters from the Saskatoon Nature Society. Over 2,850 entries were received. The awards ceremony will be held at the Weir on the Realty Executives Boardwalk. The date of this event is to be announced.

MEEWASIN VALLEY CENTRE

INTERPRETING SASKATOON'S BUILT CULTURAL HISTORY



On Display at the
Meewasin Gallery from
May 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010

—
"Celebrating Our World"
by the Students of Georges
Vanier

May "Spring Brings New Things"

NEW: Look for some new full weekend drop-in programs!!

May 8 & 9 – Mother's Day Weekend – For Everyone - 12 - 4 pm daily

It's Mother's Day! Join us Saturday and Sunday as we make some Mother's Day crafts to share with your mom and learn about the history of this special day. Please call 665-6888 for more information. Cost: \$2/craft.

May 15 & 16 – Pelican Weekend - For Everyone - 12 - 4 pm daily

The pelicans are back in town! Visit us this weekend to learn more about this amazing bird, play pelican games, search the galleries for pelicans, and make a craft. Call 665-6888 for more information. Cost: \$2/craft.

May 22, 23 & 24 – Victoria Day Program – For Everyone 12 - 4 pm daily

Learn about Queen Victoria, and why we celebrate her birthday every year. Do a scavenger hunt, and make a craft that was popular during Queen Victoria's Reign. Call 665-6888 for more information. Cost: \$2/craft.

May 29 & 30 – Meewasin Video Marathon Weekend - 12 - 4pm daily - no charge

Join us as we show our Meewasin video library in marathon style all weekend! Learn about pelicans, the Bessborough, and other nature and history tidbits. Call 665-6888 for more information and video schedule. Popcorn - \$1/bag.

May 30 – Saskatchewan Marathon - Water Station

Visit us from 7:30 - 11am as we provide music and a water station for the participants of the 32nd Annual Saskatchewan Marathon. Our visitor centre will be open regular hours from 10:30 - 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.

June "River Appreciation"

June 6 – River Critters, Creek Dipping – For Kids 6-12 2 - 4 pm Sunday

Discover the different River Critters that live in and around the South Saskatchewan River. Make a flying fish kite and look in our pour-a-pond where you can safely see these critters. Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost: \$2/craft.

June 13 – Canadian Rivers Day - Saskatchewan River Basin Watershed Tours – For Everyone (afternoon)

Join us at River Landing as we launch our newest walking tour that has been generously supported and sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada Foundation. Call 665-6888 for more information.

June 20 – Father's Day – For Everyone - 12 - 4 pm

It's Father's Day! Join us Sunday as we make some Father's Day crafts to share with your dad and learn about the history of this special day. Call 665-6888 for more information. Cost: \$2/craft.

June 27 - Caswell Art Festival– Everyone (12-5 pm)

The 9th annual Caswell Arts Festival, *Art in the Park*, celebrates culture and community. This free one day festival is entirely volunteer-run and community-based. It highlights local talent in the heart of the Caswell Hill neighbourhood and features a variety of art and entertainment, including an outdoor stage, artists' village, children and teen's art festival, collaborative art-making, concession, and more. *Ashworth Holmes Park Ave E.N. & 31st St. W.*

July 1, Thursday – It's Canada Day! – (12 - 4 pm)

Come and join the Meewasin Staff in a celebration of Canada Day. Learn more about the history of our flag, make a Canadian Flag Windsock and enjoy some "Canada" birthday cake!. For information and to register please call 665-6888. Cost: \$2/craft. Adults must accompany.



Check out Meewasin Valley Centre Programs and Events on Facebook.

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BEAVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

INTERPRETING SASKATOON'S NATURAL HISTORY

Beaver Creek Programming

It Came From the Forest...

More than 5,000 wood and paper products make our lives better each day. Chances are you ate some wood today, wore it, and brushed your teeth with it. Everything from baby food to rayon to toothpaste are made from trees.

Visit Beaver Creek Conservation Area to discover the many everyday products we depend upon that come from trees and plants. Discover fun facts through interactive activities and displays. Enjoy a cup of wild tea. Take a hike on a nature trail to be amongst the furry and feathered that call the forest, prairie, and creek of Beaver Creek Conservation Area their home.

This program is available on Saturdays and Sundays throughout May and June from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and is offered in a "come & go" format permitting you to be flexible with your time.



Beaver Creek Group Bookings

Book your next group adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Environmentally based programs offer a variety of guided hikes and nature games. We'll tailor the program to meet the specific needs of your group. Daytime and evening group bookings are available. Call Beaver Creek at 374-2474 for more information.



About Beaver Creek Conservation Area



Beaver Creek Conservation Area is located 13 km south of Saskatoon. A sheltered creek, river valley, and prairie habitat offer a diversity of flora and fauna for visitors. It is the microcosm of the Meewasin Valley, and contains one of the few uncultivated short grass prairie sites in Saskatchewan. An interpretive centre and staff provide opportunities to discover nature during the four seasons along a selection of four nature trails.

Conservation areas like Beaver Creek are set aside to protect and manage important natural and cultural heritage resources. They are maintained for your enjoyment and education, as well as for future generations.