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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Celebrate Nature and Local Cuisine At Meewasin's Grazing Dinners

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This unique culinary experience offers a delightful combination of gourmet cuisine and the serene beauty of the Meewasin Valley.

Meewasin invites Saskatoon residents and visitors alike to join us for an unforgettable evening of culinary delights, natural beauty, and shared appreciation for the Meewasin Valley. By attending the Meewasin Grazing Dinners, guests not only support local chefs and sustainable practices, but also contribute to the conservation of prairie grasslands, one of the most imperiled ecosystems on the planet.

Meewasin Grazing Dinners, hosted with renowned local chefs from Odla, provide an extraordinary opportunity for residents and visitors to indulge in a delectable feast while immersing themselves in the stunning surroundings of the native prairie at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. As the sun sets over the creek, guests will savor a lavish meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients, celebrating the vibrant flavors of Saskatoon's culinary scene.

Begin the evening with a private hike with Grassland Ecologist and Resource Management expert Renny Grilz. You'll be immersed in the sights, smells and sounds of the landscape, and learn about why the Saskatchewan prairie is so important. Along the way, you'll meet Shepherd Jared Epp, his sheep and stock dog team, and hear about how they help us manage prairie ecosystems in the river valley.



After the hike, a beautifully curated and seasonally inspired three-course dinner prepared by Chef Scott Dicks and the team awaits, served outdoors overlooking beautiful Beaver Creek. Odla is proud to be a farm direct restaurant, which means all ingredients featured in the meal are grown or raised within 2 hours of Saskatoon!



Lastly, during dessert, enjoy a live demonstration with Jared, his sheep and skilled dogs. This is an exclusive chance to get up close and personal with an impactful conservation activity and immerse yourself with the fascinating world of conservation grazing.



"We are delighted to bring back the Grazing Dinners for another year," says Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin. "These dinners not only provide a unique platform to appreciate and raise awareness about the incredible natural landscapes Meewasin strives to protect, but also showcase the culinary talents of our city's chefs. This one-of-a-kind experience is something we are very excited to offer, and we'd like to thank RBC Tech for Nature and the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association for their support of this unique experience."

> This limited seasonal offering is being held on the following dates: August 31, September 1, 6, 7 & 8



#### **Get your tickets today!**

For more information, contact
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#### **About Meewasin Valley Authority**

The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation by:

- Providing leadership in the management of its resources;
- Promoting understanding, conservation and beneficial use of the Valley; and
- Undertaking programs and projects in river valley development and conservation, for the benefit of present and future generations.

There are 67 square kilometers of land and +105km of established trail, which has seen up to 2.32 million trail visits per year, in the Meewasin Valley. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through experiences such as Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Meewasin Northeast Swale, Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, the River Landing Spray Area, and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza. Meewasin is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers for sustainability. To get involved or learn more visit <a href="www.meewasin.com">www.meewasin.com</a>