



MEDIA RELEASE

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Experience, inspire, discover and celebrate Barrie this weekend!

(Barrie, ON) Kick off the summer festival season at the 18th annual *Celebrate Barrie* event, happening Saturday, June 2nd from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Centennial Park. The event is free and features fun for all ages.

Experience Barrie's story through Heritage Village reenactments and hands-on activities provided by over 30 community groups. Discover the unexpected with exhibits that let you get up close and personal with local wildlife, uncover the science behind extreme sports or learn to skateboard & scooter. Inspire your creativity with live entertainment featuring local talent and a market featuring the work of local creators and food vendors.

Activities include:

- Community Groups offering hands-on activities
- Inflatables
- Scienstational Ssnakes
- Speaking of Wildlife
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Science North
- Heritage Village
- Barrie Fire Display
- Learn to Skateboard & Scooter
- Live entertainment including a Busker Show
- Vendor market

After a busy day at *Celebrate Barrie*, bring your blankets and lawn chairs to Centennial Beach and enjoy a film under the stars. This year's outdoor film will feature "Back to the Future" beginning at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.) on Saturday night, weather permitting.

This year, the 29th annual Barrie Native Friendship Centre (BNFC) Pow Wow is being held in partnership with *Celebrate Barrie*. It takes place June 2 and 3 at Red Storey Field (125 Dunlop St W) and the theme is Honouring Our Founders. Grand Entry is at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the Pow Wow is \$5.

Shuttle Information for June 2

Park at the Bayfield Mall (320 Bayfield St), with easy access from Highway 400, and catch a free bus to Celebrate Barrie and the BNFC Pow Wow. The shuttle will begin service from Bayfield Mall at 9:30 a.m. and the last shuttle will leave Centennial Park at 6:15 p.m. The shuttle bus is accessible and parking at the Bayfield Mall is free. The shuttle stops will be located at Barrie Transit stop #203 on Coulter Street behind the Bayfield Mall, Victoria Street across from Centennial Park, and Dunlop Street at Eccles Street for Red Storey Field. Shuttle service will also be available on Sunday between the Bayfield Mall and the Pow Wow.

For complete details on how you can join the celebration, visit www.barrie.ca/CelebrateBarrie.

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