



FORT NOTES

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WHAT'S NEW AT FORT ST. JAMES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE?

Special events coming soon.....

Opening Day/Pancake Brunch @ 11:00

May 22nd/2010.

Sewing Contest Display until June 1st.

Aboriginal Days (School activities, public welcome)

June 14-18th/2010

June 16th Raven Totem Repatriation Tour

5-9pm 200 block George St.

Canada Day July 1st

FREE ADMISSION DAY

July 10th Cottonwood Music Festival at the Fort

July 17th Parks Day! Is Salmon Day!!

FREE ADMISSION DAY

July 31st/August 1st

Heritage Days

Upcoming future articles:

A Totem Pole Streetfest in PG!

BC Parks Working with Parks Canada on interpretation at Paarens Beach!

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OPENING DAY MAY 22ND! WELCOME TO ANOTHER SUMMER SEASON!

Pancakes and Sewing on Opening Day!

A great way to kick off the summer season at Fort St James this summer is to visit us on **May 22nd**. More than 30 entries from 15 regional artists are on display and moccasin making workshops are available to all. A **pancake brunch is available at 11am** to all park visitors with site admission, as well as a chance to view the sewing contest results and visit our personal programs first-hand.



Park staff are busy and hard at work getting the site back into top form for our visitors this season. Check us out this May long weekend!



Summer 2010 will bring two new programs and events that highlight our aquatic neighbours in the Fort St. James area. July 3rd will be the first BC Parks-Parks Canada interpretive program at Paarens Beach Park, featuring a talk about the **Nechako White Sturgeon**. Highly endangered and with populations very, very low, this incredible "ghost" of the waters we take for granted will be highlighted. Future programs are being researched and may be developed in the near future.

Regional FAM Day Brings 30 Tourism Reps to FSJ

The Historic Site has sent invites to all of the visitor centres from Mt Robson to Smithers and every historic site or community museum on the way. At this time, we have 30 people confirmed to come and 6 staying in our bed and breakfast accommodations on site as our first "official" guests ! A fun filled day on May 19th from 10am-3pm will give these folks the lowdown on the historic site and a chance to get back to the fun of learning like a kid does in many of our

summer programs. For more information about our site, visit your local VIC or community historic site and get the info you want first hand from the "newest" FSJ experts!



A Challenge for Meticulous Hands

FSJNHS received a grant to allow a new program to allow visitors to Make their Own Moccasins. Working with local Nak'azdli elders at the historic site, visitors can purchase an annual historic site pass and return ten times every Saturday beginning June 26th-August 28th and progressively work on your own pair. Beads, thread, moosehide (tanned at FSJ) AND the professional/friendly instruction of an elder are all included in this incredible experience. Why buy a cheap pair, when you could make your own and learn the skill needed to do so?? To register, email: stjames@pc.gc.ca

Old Fort Café Opening This Weekend!

11-3 every day throughout summer season at our Old Fort Café. After entering the site with regular admission, visitors can find burgers, salmon, dessert and other treats on hand.

FISHY BUSINESS THIS SUMMER!

Parks Day is Salmon Day!!! July 17th



Free admission on July 17th gives park visitors a chance to learn, experience and fill up on salmon. Local teams will vie to win the "Best Salmon in New Caledonia" trophy, offering a chance for YOU the public to be the judge of their culinary skills. Education programs and themes will tell salmon's important in the Fur Trade era. Mark it on your calendar and prepare for a tasty time.