

PRESS RELEASE

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2018 Summer Programming

Free animation in local parks, a new water equipment rental centre at Confederation Park, various water-based activities during the Ottawa River Festival and Boogie Wonder Band to kick-off the summer!

Hawkesbury, June 6, 2018 – The Recreation and Tourism Department of the Town of Hawkesbury is both proud and excited to announce its 2018 summer program. The rec team has once again stepped up efforts to offer a wide range of activities and events, many of which are guaranteed to put a smile on your face!

The Club

For a second season, the Town of Hawkesbury is pleased to bring back the ever-popular park animation program affectionately known as *The Club*, whose councillors will provide activities in Old Mill and Larocque Parks from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As an essential element in the development of neighbourhood life, *The Club* offers free drop-in activities in the park for youth who do not attend day camp, but who would still like to be active and take part in a variety of activities that will keep them moving. For 4 to 13 year olds, the free activities take place from July 2 to August 24, however, the schedule may be modified due to participation or inclement weather. Note that the youth are invited to participate on a voluntary basis, may come and go as they please, and is not a babysitting service. Registration is not required, so there is really no reason to stay home this summer!

O'Shack, the New Water Equipment Rental Centre

The summer of 2018 is off to a great start thanks in part to a new partnership between the Town of Hawkesbury and CSurf Board Shop, which has created "O'Shack", the brand new rental centre! Citizens and tourists alike can enjoy the summer sun with friends and family on the Ottawa River. From July 5 to September 2, rent a pedal-boat, double or single kayak or even a Stand-Up Paddle board for as little as \$10 to \$15 per hour. Situated at Confederation Park, O'Shack, the water equipment rental centre will be open Thursday and Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ottawa River Festival

Celebrate the grand opening of O'Shack, Hawkesbury's new water equipment rental centre during the Ottawa River Festival! What better way to explore our river! Activities include: rental of single or double kayaks, Stand Up Paddle boards (SUP) and pedal-boat, as well as wakesurf initiation, personal watercraft tours and a man-made pond with mini pedal-boats for the younger ones. In collaboration with Maximum PowerSports and CSURF Board Shop. All activities and rentals are free for the day! Enjoy all of the Ottawa River Festival activities, with friends and family June 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Confederation Park!

Reservations for wakesurf initiation, personal watercraft tours or kayak, pedal-boat and SUP rentals can be made by contacting the Robert Hartley Sports Complex (425 boul. Cartier, Hawkesbury) at 613 636-2082.

Canada Day

The Town of Hawkesbury is once again happy to offer the 2018 version of Canada Day! Sunday, July 1, 218 festivalgoers will get together at Confederation Park from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. to be entertained while taking part in a variety of activities. This year, at 4 p.m., Jacques le Pétard and his 12' pet dinosaur will entertain the children while adults will get their groove on with Boogie Wonder Band. Re-live the Disco Era of the 70's for two hours starting at 7 p.m.! The events of the day will be capped off with fireworks under the stars as of 9:30 p.m.

Swimming Lessons & Free Activities at the Sports Complex

Once again this summer, the Recreation and Tourism Department will offer a variety of activities at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex pool. Children's swimming lessons will be offered as of July 2, in an intensive format over two weeks, as will a multitude of aquafit activities throughout the summer. New this year, the outdoor tennis courts as well as the afternoon public swims from 1 :30 p.m. to 4 p.m. are offered free of charge! Visit our Website to find out more.

The details of the summer program is available at www.hawkesbury.ca. For exclusive information and to make sure you don't miss out, follow us on Facebook @HawkesburyRec

It's a summer not to be missed. Have a great time!

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From a watercraft ride to a 70's show to an escape game and a 12-foot dinosaur, there is something for everyone in Hawkesbury this summer!

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The amount of activities offered to families from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. continues to grow! You will find the fire department's famous water games, multiple inflatable games for the kids, a man-made pond with mini pedal-boats for the little ones and a foam pit for those who like to let loose just a little bit more. New this year is a game wall and giant games, by Spin! Jeux & Activations, games such as a full-sized battleship, volley-pong, a board game zone and an escape game for the family!

The magician Jacques le Pétard and his dinosaur will be at Confederation Park for a 45 minutes show, as of 4 p.m. The children's entertainment specialist will be accompanied by his friends Tartine the Strawberry, Creton the Dog, Nacho the Bird and other puppet friends. Come and meet the Pétard-Zaurus who will be on site to entertain both young and old.

To celebrate Canada, Boogie Wonder Band will revive the frenzied disco years. They will make you dance to all of disco's greatest hits in one night! Feel the power of the music of the 70's for two full hours, as of 7 p.m.

Ottawa River Festival

The Town of Hawkesbury is kicking off the summer season on the Ottawa River with the 7th edition of the Ottawa River Festival. Water sports enthusiasts are invited to join us at Confederation Park on June 30, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Come and try various water sports with friends and family during the grand opening of Hawkesbury's new water equipment rental centre "O'Shack. You can rent single or double kayaks, pedal-boats, and stand up paddle boards all summer Thursday and Friday evenings as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings and evenings. You'd like to try it out first? Join us at Confederation Park on June 30 to try for free, thanks to a partnership with CSurf Board Shop and Quais Multi-Kit. You can also take a ride on a personal watercraft thanks to Maximum Powersports. For personal watercraft demos, please contact Maximum Powersports directly at 613 632-2114.

Field Day

The community committee composed of the Town of Hawkesbury, Valoris CTC and Groupe Action Hawkesbury family Centre invites families on Friday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Old Mill Park for Field Day. The Hawkesbury parks councillors get together for a day to entertain everyone. It's the perfect opportunity to have fun with the family, take advantage of a variety of activities and above all, to enjoy a great barbecue lunch. Activities include inflatable games, tug-of-war, water games by the Hawkesbury fire department, face painting and giant games. Lunch will be served to children who have filled out their activities passport. Plus, the first 200 children present will receive a reusable water bottle. Please note that in case of rain, the event will take place at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex. Don't forget your sunscreen and bathing suit!

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