

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Harbourfest 2009 - visit harbourfest.ca July 31 - Aug 2
- Harbourfront Concert Series July 19 @ 3pm MAC
- Harbourfront Concert Series July 23 @ 7pm Back Porch & T.L.C.
- Dalles PowWow July 24 - 26
- 6th Annual First Avenue St Festival July 25th
- Open Studio Tour July 25-26 www.lowac.ca

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Talking Tourism

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Summer Students - New and Experienced

Article by Carlee Hakenson

My name is Carlee Hakenson and I am 17 years old. I recently graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High school this past June. I am a friendly person with a bubbly personality. The tourism industry interests me because you get the chance to meet travellers from all over.

I wanted to work here as a tourism counsellor because during my first semester in grade 12 I took a co-op placement here at Tourism Kenora and I really enjoyed my time here. I realized that I wanted to continue on with my experience by working at

the tourism centre. I like interacting with people and I am able to do that with all of the tourists who stop in to



Carlee Hakenson - First year student with Tourism

get information.

This job also gives me the opportunity to become more involved with Kenora by helping with events and

things that are taking place in Kenora. I like my summer job here at Tourism Kenora and will hopefully return next summer to work here again.

Article by Greg Cederwall

Hi there! I'm Greg Cederwall and this is my fourth summer working as a travel counsellor at Tourism Kenora. During my time here, I have been able to continue to hone and develop my knowledge on the local area. Most of all, being able to meet visitors from across the country and around the world, share information on the city and area, and learning

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Want to take a Break from the Lake?

Article by Kendall Erickson

Fish not biting today? Taking a break from the lake? Or just looking for something to do? Look no further because Kenora's historic Mather Wall's House is just the place!

Located along Ottawa Street in Keewatin, the Mather Walls House was built in 1889 by Keewatin's founder, John Mather. The Mather Walls House has stood as a symbol of Kee-

watin's heritage for over 100 years. In 1906 it was bought by John Mather, the original foreman of the mill. Restoration of the house began in 1978, and this became a 2 year process.

Even today, 105 years later the Mather Wall's stands tall and is thriving under the management of Aaron Visser. There are weekly tours of the house offered every week. The tour guides will take you back in time to a completely different

era and re-tell the infamous stories of John Mather and his "haunting" history.

Nearly every local in Kenora knows the story of the Mather Wall's House. Legend has it that after one of the sons of the Mather family died, saw men worker John Mather committed suicide in the house, and is said to have been haunting it ever since. However, this legend is not just known to the locals of Kenora. In June of 2003,

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Kenora Offers Numerous Golf Options

**Article by
Greg Cederwall**



Kenora is a golfers paradise!

Kenora is an incredible destination for many sports and activities – golf is no different! There are many great locations where you can enjoy a great game or practice your swing.

The Kenora Golf & Country Club is situated minutes from downtown Kenora on the shore of beautiful Lake of the Woods. The club boasts a challenging 18 hole rated

course accessible by both land and water and offers a fully stocked Pro Shop, a driving range, practice green, and two qualified CPGA Golf Professionals for instruction. The lounge and restaurant overlooks scenic Golf Course Bay as well as the course and features breakfast, lunch and dinner selections for both golfers and the public. Non-members need to book five days in advance for tee times. For more information

call 468-7995 or visit www.golfkenora.com.

Beauty Bay Golf Course was established in 1972 as a humble nine hole course and has been nurtured into one of the Northwestern Ontario's finest 18 holes. Carved from the beautiful and rugged Canadian Shield it features a true test of golf for all levels of golfers. With its rolling terrain and numerous water hazards the scenery is said

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The Historic Mather Walls House

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the Toronto based Television show "Creepy Canada" came to Keewatin and filmed a segment on location in Keewatin all about the Mather Wall's House. This proved to be very successful for them as they were able to talk to many locals who had had first hand experience with the "ghost" of the Mather Wall's. (I.e. Construction

workers leaving their tools upstairs and coming back to find them all unplugged.)

The Mather Walls House is open for tours from May to the Labour Day weekend. However it offers many special events all throughout the year. Such as the Canada Day "Strawberry Social." Various teas, and luncheons, and the annual Halloween Haunting, where

the house is transformed into a fun and terrifying haunted house, filled with many kids and teens from the community hiding and haunting it.

Needless to say, the Mather Walls House is an excellent site to check out for any eager "ghost busters" or anyone looking to get a taste of Kenora's history!

Everyone Wants to Head to Kenora.....But How?

**Article by
Meadow Nenadov**

There are numerous modes of travel that allows entrance to and around Kenora. Whether your preferred method is via car, plane, rail, or bus Kenora offers them all.

Rail

There are a range of

passes and discounts on fares that make VIA Rail travel easy and affordable. They include; Youth, students, senior, children, groups advanced purchase, Canrail pass, Biz Pak, VIA 6 pak for students, E-Passes, corporate fares, conference fares and chartered cars, to name a few. There are two stations near Kenora; Minaki

and Redditt. The two stations are a sign post stations that requires 48-hour notice for an SSR Stop. With parking at the Minaki station and no wheelchair access available.

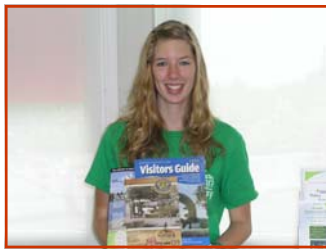
For reservations, information, arrivals and departures in Minaki and Redditt please call 1-888-842-7245.

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Getting to Kenora by Rail, Plane, Bus and Car!

Introducing the Summer Staff with Tourism



**Tourism
Kenora
Summer
Student -
Julie Briggs
(left)**

ton University where I study political science and law. I will be returning to Ottawa in the fall for the final year of my undergraduate

her teaching degree afterwards. She was interested in this job because she likes to learn about new things happening in Kenora and enjoys meeting new people.

**Tourism Kenora
Summer
Student -
Greg Cederwall (left)**



Continued from front page about their travels is interesting and satisfying, making it a great summer job. It's also been really enriching to be able to practice speaking French on a daily basis. I currently attend Carle-

degree.

Article by Julie Briggs

Julie Briggs is a recent graduate of Beaver Brae Secondary School who is on her way to the University of Manitoba this fall for her degree in Physical Education in hopes to get

Swing.....Putt.....Cross Your Fingers!

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to be breathtaking. Located just 15 minutes from Downtown Kenora, down the Essex Road on the shores of Black Sturgeon Lake, it's not hard to see why they call it, Beauty Bay! This golf course has been affectionately known as "Kenora's diamond in the rough". For more information call 548-4777 or visit www.beautybaygolf.com

Bergman Golf Centre just west of Kenora on Highway 17,

offers an exciting driving range, mini-golf course and 4 hole course for practice. They are open 7 days/wk and can be reached at 543-3562.

The Log Cabin on Rabbit Lake Road offers a great mini-golf course. After a fun game of mini-golf with family or friends new mini putt course, enjoy a delicious meal inside or relax on the screened-in deck.

Rushing River Store also offers a great mini-golf course.

Located on Highway 71, just past Rushing River Provincial Park and only 20 minutes outside downtown Kenora.

Come out and see what great opportunities Kenora offers for golf!



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Dragon Boat Festival set for August - Spaces Filling Quickly

Article by Whitney VanBelleghem

Love spending time on the lake? Like competition? Then the Dragon boat Festival might be just the thing for you! Sunday August 9th this year's festival will be held at Rabbit Lake. There are multiple divisions, including Youth (12-18) Ladies and an Open division. Thanks

to generous sponsors all youth get to paddle for free. Never participated in a Dragon boat race? No problem. The festival is open to everyone regardless of their skill level.

The Children's water Festival will also be taking place in conjunction with the dragon boat races. This is an opportunity for children aged 8-12 to

partake in free activities and games aimed at teaching them the importance of water in a fun and entertaining manner. On average 150 plus kids participate in the festival presented by Lake of the Woods District Property Owner's Association.

Food vendors will be open the day of the races, such as the Safe Grad. Food booth, Coun-

try Catering, and Dragon Tamers cookie shack.

There was originally room for 24 teams (21 people per team) making a potential 500 participants, but now there is only space
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Bring the Kids to Harbourfest 2009

Harbourfest 2009 should be a fun filled weekend for the kids. On Saturday August 1st and Sunday the 2nd Lake of the Woods Museum presents Child's Play: A century of toys 1850s to 1950s from 10am-5pm. The Kismen Kidzone carnival games begin at 11am and continue throughout the day until 5pm. Face painting and bouncy rides will also be available from 12-4pm on the Harbourfront. Kids have the option to pet an animal at the petting zoo or take a ride on a pony.

On Sunday at noon under the big tent Brian Glow "Master of Illusion" will be showing off his magic tricks. Coffieman will be performing African rhythms that will get you up and moving at 1pm. And at 3pm there will be a hands on workshop for kids ages 5-12. They will get to use exotic percussion instruments and puppets, as well as show of their dance and singing skills at the sing along.

Bring your kids down to these fun filled packed days and have a good time. We hope to see you and your families there!

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A Natural Attraction

2009 Dragon Boat Festival on Rabbit Lake

for about four more teams! Space is filling up so call (807) 467-4427 to sign your up team! There is a cost which covers 2 practices and 3 races. Even if you think racing isn't your thing, volunteers are always needed or just come out and watch, they are expecting close to 1000 spectators! Proceeds from the day go to supporting Kenora and Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation.



Getting to and Around Kenora is Getting Easier and Easier

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Plane

Two main airports that allow quick and easy travel to Kenora, Winnipeg International Airport and Kenora Airport. Winnipeg International is only two hours from Kenora and has incoming and outgoing flights from all over Canada, the United States and more. Another option is the Kenora Airport with Bearskin Airlines, which can accommodate any aircraft from a single seater up to a 737. Bearskin flies to many Northwest and Southern Ontario locations as well as Manitoba.

For more information on bookings, fares, schedules and accommodations please contact Kenora Airport at (807) 548-5377 or www.kenoraairport.ca

Bus

When travelling to Kenora, the Greyhound Bus service is here to serve you. There are both direct routes and transfers that are available depending on where you are travelling from as well as priority seat-

ing and first come first serve sitting. There is no need to make reservations, show up an hour to a half hour prior to the departure of the bus and buy your ticket and tag your luggage and you're ready to board. Discounts are available for students, Canadian Military, Companion Fare, Hostelling Discount, and ISIC Discount.

Whether travelling by plane, train, or bus no need to be stranded just hours or even minutes outside Kenora. One can rent have a car meet them, call a taxi or rent a vehicle which ever is most convenience.

Car

When renting a car to either get to Kenora or to tour around it National and Enterprise are at your service. Both offer picks from Kenora Airport or Greyhound. Available vehicles for both include; cars, SUV, trucks, vans with National also having moving vans, 15 passenger vans in stock. Vehicle rental can be for as little as one day to weeks or months. Enterprise does have a branch at the Winnipeg Inter-

national Airport for more ease. Insurance requires a minimum age of 21 years with special exceptions depending on insurance of individual. Government discounts and rates are available at both. Enterprise 467-2800 or 1-800- rent-a-car and National 468-5686

Taxi

Co-ot Taxi is ready for short jaunts around the city or for long distance trips to surrounding towns and cities. With friendly and knowledgeable drivers you sure to have a wonderful drive in Co-ot taxis. Pickups and drop-offs can be scheduled to suit your needs.

Sunset Limousine is here to ease your mind. A shuttle service is available for all Bearskin flights, with 15 passenger vans, charters and drivers available for weddings and parties. Local and long distance travels are available as well as theatre and concert packages. Co-ot Taxi 468-3031 and Sunset Limousine 548-1450