

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

Central Park Festival on June 20, 21 and 22nd.

Carriage Tours available at the Harbourfront

MS Kenora kicks off the season

Friday Cemetery Tours start on July 6th

Walk on the Dark Side Cemetery Tours: June 20, July 18, August 15

Kayak lessons with Green Adventures: Wednesday's - 6 pm

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Summer Students Start-up Season

Article by Lindsay

Tourists and travelers visiting the Kenora area this summer will be greeted by a welcoming team of summer students! There are currently five summer students working in the tourism department, with one more to join us within a few weeks. Most of us have been living in Kenora for the majority of our lives.

Whitney is a visual arts student at the University of Ottawa. She enjoys meeting people from all around the world and hearing their stories. Whitney took this job as an opportunity to learn more about the community and to share this information and help others.

Meg attends Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, enrolled in an education program. She was interested in this job because she

thought it would be a fun and interesting summer job. "You see different people every day and get to do something different every day."

Marcus is taking



classical studies at Queen's University in Kingston. Marcus wanted this position to be able to work with people and he enjoys being able to practice his French. "Also, the orange shirts are pretty RAWKIN!!"

Lindsay is taking an accounting program at Confederation College. She en-

joys meeting people and helping them out. Lindsay took this job opportunity as a chance to learn more about the community and become more involved in community events.

Raegan will be attending Lakehead University, taking an education program. Raegan likes to meet visitors and hear their stories and also plans on saving money for school in the fall.

The final student who will be joining us is Greg He is a returning tourism Summer Student and will start back at the end of the week. He is attending Carleton University and is taking a law program.

Visitors to the City of Kenora can ask us anything. We'll be glad to help!

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Harbourtown Scavenger Hunts Coming Soon

Article by Marcus

Ontario is *Yours to Discover*, and the picturesque City of Kenora, nestled deep in the boreal forest, is no exception!

Throughout the summer, the City of Kenora - in partnership with Harbourtown Biz - will be providing visitors with a unique and exciting opportunity to explore our community's rich culture.

The urban explorer will find our Harbourtown Scavenger Hunts to be a thrilling way to satisfy their fiery spirit of adventure! Encompassing

the entirety of Kenora's vibrant downtown core, the Harbourtown Scavenger Hunt will see its participants embark on a Quest for Knowledge that is sure to amuse and entertain!

Teams will depart from the starting point located at Kenora's Memorial Park, next to the Lake of the Woods Museum. From there, they will follow a trail of hints to sev-

eral of the city's businesses and service providers, answering trivia questions along the way! Prizes will be awarded to the first team to return to the starting point, their Quest for Knowledge complete!

The Harbourtown Scavenger Hunts will be run on the following Sunday's, starting at 12 noon: June 29th, July 13th and 27th and August 10th.

June 29th is the first of seven Super Summer Sunday's in the Downtown Core. Activities, events and entertainment will take place each Sunday for 7 weeks. More information available by calling Tourism Kenora at 467-4637.

Canoeing and Kayaking in Kenora

Article by Whitney

Kenora is a wonderful place to learn and discover new things. Kayaking and canoeing are two perfect ways to experience the truly sublime and picturesque scenery which are unique to the area. The City of Kenora features over 20 major canoe routes, as well as several businesses, which offer both rentals, and lessons developed to cater to everyone from beginners to experts.

The Hardware Company, located at 160 Main St. South, offers anywhere from half day to week long

rentals of kayaks and canoes and will provide two hour lessons, off of the Harbourfront, (there is a two person minimum for all lessons). This is a beginners' course, which teaches the layout of a kayak, how to enter and exit, how to turn, proper stroke technique, as well as how to execute safety maneuvers. The Hardware Company can be contacted by phone at 807-468-1226.

Another avenue people may wish to pursue is Green Adventures, which rents all the equipment needed for kayaking, as

well as offers six different tours which range in difficulty from beginner to expert. They also offer more inclusive packages which include the required gear and transportation as well as meals. For more information contact Scott Green at 807-466-7412 or visit his website www.greenadventures.ca.

The beautiful lake provides a variety of ways to enjoy yourself and keep fit. For more information on kayaking and canoeing contact the Kenora Tourism Centre at 467-4637 or toll-free at 1-800-535-4549.



Water experience are second to none in Kenora!

"If you have a taste for impressive architecture, colourful folklore, dramatic history, and a surprise around every corner, make sure to lace up your sneakers and join the tours!"

Kenora's City Hall - former Post Office



Historical Hike - Come Learn with us!

Throughout the summer of 2008, Kenora will be undertaking the Big Spruce, a downtown revitalization project. The Big Spruce project is aimed to make Kenora's downtown core a pedestrian friendly environment. With this in mind, Tourism Kenora is encouraging residents and visitors to venture around the downtown core, taking in the tall tales through the city's newest attraction - walking tours.

One tour will provide information on the historical buildings in the downtown zone, with a second providing detail on the Lake of the Woods Heritage Townscapes (murals). The

walking tours will have a local flavour full of fact – and in some cases very entertaining fiction! The walking tours are being developed by the tourism summer students and will be offered at various times of the week in July and August. If you have a taste for

impressive architecture, colourful folklore, dramatic history, and a surprise around every corner, make sure to lace up your sneakers and join the tours!

Call Tourism Kenora at 467-4637 or email ntulloch@kenora.ca for more information.

Time Capsule Project

In true Kenora fashion, the Big Spruce project will be a Kenora event all on its own.

People are encouraged to come downtown and see what is taking place. Tourism Kenora will be coordinating the Big Spruce time capsule. The underground infrastructure on Main Street hasn't been disturbed

in 100 years. A time capsule will be developed to share a piece of 2008 with the residents and visitors in the future.

More information on the time capsule project will be available at the end of June 2008 by contacting Tourism Kenora toll-free at 1-800-535-4549 or locally at 467-4637.

Kenora Visitor Information Services

Article by Raegan

The Kenora Tourist Information centre has many services available to the public. We have walls of brochures and booklets throughout the building; full of information to help you enjoy your stay in Kenora or to plan your vacation in another part of Ontario. We also boast a staff of friendly students who have lived in Kenora and know their city very well.

The Information centre also has a second location, of which many may be unaware. Located

in the Harbourfront Pavilion we carry the same information and resources as the larger information centre in a smaller, more convenient downtown location. We carry maps of Kenora and Ontario. We also carry the various magazines and published information we have, as well as detailed canoe routes and walking trails.

As a special gift for being a visitor to Kenora, we provide complimentary parking passes for use at the meters around town. Our visitors can enjoy a

day of shopping and sightseeing without having to worry about plugging the meters. Parking passes are available at both locations, only to visitors of the city.

Another service we offer to tourists is lodging arrangements. We recommend booking in advance, but if you happen to be passing through and need a place to spend the night we will be happy to call around and find something suitable for your taste and price range.



"It is a truly unique opportunity to see Kenora from a horse drawn carriage."

Gus the Horse Returns to Downtown

Article by Meg

Horses and Carriages roam the streets once again! Sunny Brooke Farm Carriage Tours provide a scenic tour of the downtown region. The flexible hours cater to you or your friends and family. Ride along with Gus the horse to view Kenora's many murals and our Lake of the Woods Museum, while learning about the history

of Kenora. It is a truly a unique opportunity to see Kenora from a horse drawn carriage and will give you a new perspective on the downtown area.

Gus and his driver can be found in the Sunset Gallery parking lot. They are currently running Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 10-3pm. Their hours of operation will be ex-

panding later in summer. Advanced booking is not a requirement, but special requests can be made for those special events such as weddings or proms.

Sunny Brooke Farm is looking at providing shuttle services in the downtown region during the summer months. For more information on the tours, farm or shuttle, call 548-4017.

Open Air Cinema Coming to Kenora.....

Fresh Air Cinema brings outdoor movies to life on giant inflatable movie screens with projectors, sound systems and generators. The "open-air cinema" creates a movie theatre under the stars!

The whole concept of Fresh Air Cinema is to create an interesting and interactive community-based activity that will get

people out of their homes to spend time with family and friends. This is another source of summer entertainment.

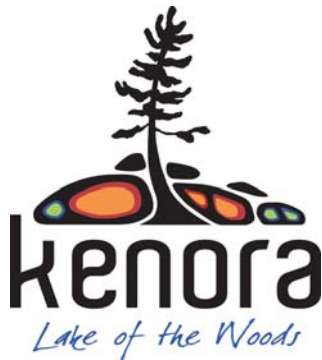
Movies will be held on August 19th and 21st in Kenora and August 20th in the community of Sioux Narrows. The movies will be free-to-the-public with a silver collection at the entrance. Any profits gener-

ated will be used to market other events and activities offered through the LOW Development Commission's Tourism Committee.

Details will be available in July as well as the location and movie titles.



**Movies under the Stars!!
Come enjoy the outdoor cinema in August 2008.**



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A Natural Attraction

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

To maximize the economic contribution of inbound tourism to the City of Kenora and Lake of the Woods region, a coordinated destination management approach is required. Tourism Kenora will judge our actions by the progress that we make towards achieving the primary goals of our tourism strategy.

FOUR SEASON MARKETING PLAN: Increase the number of visitors to the Lake of the Woods area, including overnight stays, with a special emphasis during the shoulder and off seasons.

INFRASTRUCTURE & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT: Strengthen and expand the Lake of the Woods area attractions and activities for leisure and business visitors, while continually investing in basic tourism infrastructure.

TRAINING & HOSPITALITY: Create a civic environment through education and training that welcomes, respects and shows gratitude towards visitors, summer residents and local residents.

EVENTS: unite the resources (human and financial) and stakeholders of the Lake of the Woods area to coordinate the development and expansion of events for residents and visitors.

ADMINISTRATION: ensure the adequate allocation of resources (human and financial) for the development of the tourism sector in the Lake of the Woods area.

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www.kenora.ca