



# Family Day 2017

## A Sample of Activities to Enjoy

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Note: some events are weather permitting. Contact the venue for more information including hours of operation, fees, etc.

### Acton

[Town of Halton Hills](#), Various locations

The Recreation and Parks Department wants you to make the most of the day by offering a full schedule of free events at Town facilities that are fun for the whole family.

### Burlington

[Family Day Fun Skate](#), Central Arena, 519 Drury Lane, Burlington

Join MPP Eleanor McMahon for her 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Day Fun Skate! Warm up with a complimentary cup of hot chocolate. All are welcome at this free community event! Bring your own skates.

### Brantford

[Frosty Fest](#), Harmony Square, 150 Colborne Street, Brantford

Brantford's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Carnival returns February 19-20, 2017 for Family Day celebrations from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Rides, ice carving, skating, snow taffy and more!

[RBC Free Family Day Skate 2017](#), Wayne Gretzky Sports, Centre, 254 North Park Street, Brantford, ON

Sometimes good old family fun can help encourage a healthy, active lifestyle. So strap on your skates and join us as we wobble across the ice. Free thanks to RBC. 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

### Collingwood

[Family Day at Blue Mountain](#), Collingwood

There's no better way to spend Family Day Weekend than at Blue Mountain Village! Gather the family for a weekend of active adventure and entertainment. Skate under the stars, tour the Village by Horse and Wagon, head off on a scavenger hunt and much more!

## Dorset

### [Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival](#), Dorset, ON

February 17-18, 2017. Affectionately known as 'Snowball,' the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival is one of the longest-running and best indoor/outdoor winter carnivals in Ontario. Started in 1991 as a community event and fundraiser for the Recreation Centre, it has grown to a much-loved and fiercely boasted annual event full of games, music, interactive activities and, of course, food!

## Grimsby

[Family Day Frosty Fest](#), Fifty Point Conservation Area, 1497 Baseline Road, Grimsby  
Join us at Fifty Point Conservation Area for an afternoon filled with outdoor family fun! Lots of things to see and do including the Canadian Raptor Conservancy (birds of prey from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm), Paw Patrol's Chase and Marshall meeting and greeting kids, scenic wagon rides, complimentary hot chocolate, bon fire with marshmallows for roasting, self-guided hikes around the conservation area, fishing at the marina (no fishing license required this day), plus more activities! Frosty Fest runs from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and entrance is just \$10, which includes everyone in your vehicle. Admission free with HCA Membership Pass.

### [Family Day Skating](#), Peach King Centre, 162 Livingston Ave, Grimsby, ON

Free skating at both rinks courtesy of Zoi Ouzas of Remax and Family and Children's Services Niagara.

## Haliburton

### [Haliburton Frostfest](#), Haliburton

Completely free, fun-filled day of outdoor activity and recreation for the entire family including horse drawn wagon rides, pony rides, sled dog rides around the park, curling on Head Lake, Snowshoe Games with YMCA Camp Wanakita, bannock and fire with the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Art Attack with the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, meet Elli Nash and learn what an equine farrier does for a living, mini-putt on ice, broomball and hot chocolate.

## Hamilton

[Hamilton Kids-Fest](#), Canadian Heritage Warplane Museum, Hamilton

February 18-20, 2017. Kids Fest is Canada's largest inflatable festival, bringing a variety of fun and educational activities for all children 12 and under. The inflatables are blown-up and ready for action so children can slide, ride and bounce all day. Inflatables range from large slides to toddler appropriate rides. Kids Fest offers shows, interactive activities, games, crafts and more. The shows include The Reptile Man, Paul Kennedy, cute and bizarre animals with Hands On Exotics and singing, dancing and puppetry with Mr. Chris and the Gassy Bubbles. Other activities, for an additional cost, include face painting, ceramic painting, sand art, glitter tattoos and more! 2017 marks Hamilton Kids-Fest's 9<sup>th</sup> year of offering families a great outing for Family Day weekend fun.

## Kitchener-Waterloo

[Family Day at Waterloo Region Museum](#), 10 Huron Road, Kitchener

Spend Family Day Weekend with dinosaurs! Bring the whole family to see the new **Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family**, a fun and interactive exhibit that explores the world of the T-Rex! The whole family will love this amazing exhibit. Included with general admission.

[Family Day Carnival](#), Bingeman's, 425 Bingeman's Centre Drive, Kitchener

10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bring the family to Bingeman's for the Family Day Carnival. The kids will have a ball as they enjoy inflatables, rides, food and activities! Our carnival is located in the Bingeman's Ballroom on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day! Cost is \$10 per child, children under two are free with paid admission.

[RBC Free Family Day Skate 2017](#), Kitchener Auditorium-Kinsman Arena, 400 East Avenue, Kitchener

Sometimes good old family fun can help encourage a healthy, active lifestyle. So strap on your skates and join us as we wobble across the ice. Free thanks to RBC. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## Milton

[RBC Free Family Day Skate 2017](#), Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Boulevard, Milton

Sometimes good old family fun can help encourage a healthy, active lifestyle. So strap on your skates and join us as we wobble across the ice. Free thanks to RBC. 9:00 am to 3:20 pm.

[\*\*Snowflakes and Snowsnakes\*\*](#), Crawford Lake, 3115 Conservation Road, Milton  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Celebrate the magic of Canada's most unique season at Crawford Lake's Snowflakes and Snowsnakes event. Event activities include legends in the longhouse, snowshoeing and snowsnake (a traditional Iroquoian winter game) demonstrations, marshmallow roasts, craft making and much more! Regular admission fees apply.

[\*\*Tales by a Winter Fire\*\*](#), Mountsberg, 2259 Milborough Line, Campbellville, ON  
When you think of winter in the country do you imagine the sound of the snow crunching under the runners of a winter's sleigh ride or sharing stories and roasting hot dogs around the warmth and crackle of an outdoor bonfire? Perhaps rosy cheeks after the excitement of a hike on a snowy trail comes to mind. Experience all this and more at the 'Tales by a Winter's Fire' program. NOTE: use of horses and sleigh dependent on weather conditions. May use tractor and wagon if required.

## Mississauga

[\*\*Family Day Pass\*\*](#), Mississauga (various locations)  
Swim, skate and play on Family Day, February 20, 2017, at your local recreation facility.

[\*\*Living Arts Centre\*\*](#), Mississauga  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm, February 20, 2017. This year, Family Day is BIGGER and BETTER than ever before, with activities taking place both in and outside our Centre! Underground parking is free that day! Prepare yourselves for a day of nothing but fun! Start off by warming up with some free hot chocolate from the LIVE Restaurant and then make your way to the numerous activities and performances we have going on.

[\*\*RBC Free Family Day Skate 2017\*\*](#), Celebration Square, 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, ON  
Sometimes good old family fun can help encourage a healthy, active lifestyle. So strap on your skates and join us as we wobble across the ice. Free thanks to RBC. 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

[\*\*Family Day\*\*](#), Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga  
Come celebrate Family Day at the Museums of Mississauga, Bradley Museum and Benares Historic House! Activities include guided tours of each facility, children's crafts and more. While you're at Bradley Museum, stop by the iAM Exhibition in the Anchorage House at no additional cost. Family admission cost is \$15, open 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

[\*\*Spring Fishing and Boat Show\*\*](#), The International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga  
February 17-20, 2017. With rock walls, fishing ponds and more, children of all ages will be excited for their visit to the Spring Fishing and Boat Show!

## Oakville

[Family Day at Bronte Creek](#), Bronte Creek Provincial Park, Oakville

Visit our Nature Centre for live animals, hands-on activities, crafts and more! Other park attractions include Children's Playbarn, farm animals, tobogganing hill and trails!

[Kidsfest](#), The International Centre, Hall 6, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

February 18-20, 2017. Kids Fest Toronto is designed to make your kids bounce, laugh, run and play on more than 30 themed inflatables. Kids Fest Toronto offers shows, interactive activities, games, crafts, Exotic Animals from Hands on Exotics, Mad Science science experiments, indoor mini golf, carnival games and much more.

[Make Your Moves Family Day](#), various locations in Oakville

The Town of Oakville's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Make Your Move Family Day will once again offer a full slate of free activities and special events for all ages and abilities on Monday, February 20, 2017. Try something new! Learn and get moving with more than 100 activities to choose from! [CLICK here for](#) the 2017 brochure.

## Stratford

[Bradshaw's Family Day Event](#), The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street, Stratford, ON

10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Enjoy fun culinary themed children's activities, music and snacks at The Local - a fun way to spend family day!

## Tillsonburg

[Tillsonburg's Family Day](#), Tillsonburg Community Centre, 45 Hardy Avenue, Tillsonburg

A full day for families that is affordable, local, and fun.

## Toronto

[Canadian International Auto Show](#), Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto

The AutoShow continues to provide The Total Automotive Experience with over 600,000 square feet of dazzling displays, big prize giveaways and engaging exhibits! Don't miss out on Auto Exotica, featuring the world's finest exotic automobiles. See the latest automotive interactive technology in our AutoConnect feature exhibit. February 17-26, 2017.

**Family Day at MacKenzie House**, 82 Bond Street, Toronto

12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Scottish Dance troupe, Guthrie School of Dance, will be sharing Scottish Highland and Scottish Country dances and the history and stories that inspired them with visitors of all ages. Performances at 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm. Included with regular admission to the site.

**Family Day at Monarch Park Stadium**, 1 Parkmount Road, Toronto

Junior bouncy castle, army obstacle course, 26" high inflatable slide, bubble soccer, toddler races, fitness obstacle course, dance competition, track races, face painting. Beat the lineups and get your tickets in advance at MPS Front Desk or through online registration (opens February 1<sup>st</sup>). 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. \$10 per child pre-registration; \$15 per child at the door.

**Harbour KIDS North**, 235 Queens Quay West, Toronto

Celebrate our northern winter landscape, its mighty expanse, ever-changing terrain and those that call the tundra home. Come down to the lake, have a skate and immerse yourself and your family in the intersection of nature, science and contemporary art. There will be art-making, performance and interactive activities designed to send our imaginations north with the whole family.

**Family Fun at the AGO**, Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas Street West, Toronto

February 20, 2017 from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Spend the day creating, exploring and having creative, family fun together. Create and decorate a kite of your very own with materials in the Gallery School and then see how it soars outside. Watch and learn from our Ontario competitive SOAR rope skipping teams – you won't believe your eyes! Then join in on the jump roping fun. Make a paper sailboat with your favourite colours and set sail around Galleria Italia. Build cities, forts and whatever you can dream up with our Big Blue Blocks in the Imagination Playground. Join us in the Weston Family Learning Centre for a selection of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. Colour in our picnic table area, play games, bust some bubble wrap and "tape up" a room!

**Ontario Science Centre**, 777 Don Mills Road, Toronto

There's a lot to see and do for all ages at the Ontario Science Centre! Explore more than 600 activities in our 10 exhibit halls, including the Weston Family Innovation Centre and our IMAX Dome theatre.

## Wasaga Beach

### [Snowman Mania](#), Wasaga Beach

Officially kick off the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Snowman Mania with a party for all ages at the RecPlex in the Rotary Band Shell (1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach). The Kick-Off Party will include fantastic Canadian and local music talents Meghan Patrick, The James Barker Band and Rebecca Rain along with an indoor children's activity centre provided by What's Up Hut featuring face painting, interactive singing and dancing and much more. Enjoy a hot chocolate and some hot food while you cozy up beside one of the outdoor fire pits and listen to a fantastic concert. Evening will be capped off with a fireworks show that promises to be a breathtaking winter spectacle. Additional parking will be available at the Superstore on 45th Street.

## Anywhere

### [Family Fishing Day](#), across Ontario

Ontario Family Fishing Events is a province-wide opportunity for Canadian residents to fish Ontario waters without the otherwise mandatory fishing version outdoors card. The Ontario Government designates two periods throughout the year as license-free--February 18-20, 2017 (12:01 am Saturday to 11:59 pm Monday) and July 1-9, 2017 (12:01 am Saturday to 11:59 pm Sunday). During all other time periods, Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64 years must purchase a valid fishing license to legally fish in Ontario.

### [Great Backyard Bird Count \(GBBC\)](#)

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual GBBC takes place February 17-20, 2017. The GBBC is an annual, four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are.