



Family Day 2019

A Sample of Activities to Enjoy

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

[Spiders Alive](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 690 Plains Road West, Burlington

We have invited spiders and their arthropod friends to crawl on over for a visit this winter. Explore amazing adaptations and behaviours of spiders and other many-legged creatures in two interactive exhibits and daily programs for all ages. In *Spiders Alive!*, visitors can explore spider anatomy and evolutionary history, learn about their signature traits — venom and silk-making — and be surprised by little-known defense mechanisms such as mimicry and noise-making. In addition to live arachnids representing approximately 17 species, the exhibition includes larger-than-life models of spiders, a climbable spider model 50 times life size, and a rare 100-million-year-old fossil of a spider in limestone.

Brantford

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

Freedom House presents Brantford's Winter Carnival in Harmony Square! This annual celebration of LIFE in the winter sees the return of the popular ice carving, horse-drawn trolley rides, a street midway, snow taffy with new additions every year! Admission is FREE and will be the setting for full-family holiday weekend memories for years to come!

Cambridge

[Cambridge Centre for the Arts](#), Civic Square, 60 Dickson Street, Cambridge

Free drop-in activities including Give a Hoot!, Family Scrapbook, Creative Fruit Kabobs, A Banner Day and Art Gallery Exhibition. Monday, February 18th, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Collingwood

[Family Day at Blue Mountain](#), 108 Jozo Weider Boulevard, Blue Mountain, Collingwood

There is 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](#), various locations in Dorset, ON

February 15-16, 2019. 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!

Gravenhurst

[Gravenhurst Winter Carnival](#), Gravenhurst, ON

This longstanding Gravenhurst tradition celebrates all that our community has to offer, and features super-fun events including Puddle Jumps, Kids Events, Skokie's Pizza and Birthday Parties, Polar Bear Dip, Donut Eating on a String, Demolition Derby, Live Entertainment and so much more! February 13-18, 2019.

Haliburton

[Haliburton Frost Festival](#), Head Lake Park, Haliburton

Saturday, February 16, 2019. 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, 9280 Airport Road, Mount Hope February 16-18, 2019. Offers 80,000+ square feet of inflatables, shows, shopping, laughs and museum fun! Hamilton Kids-Fest is Canada's largest indoor inflatable festival. Kids will jump, bounce, slide, crawl and laugh their way through the day. Also available are shows, interactive activities, games, crafts, character meet-and-greets, full access to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and more! Geared toward children 12 and under, this weekend will be chalk full of entertainment! For an extra fee, kids can enjoy Petting Zoo by Hands on Exotics, carnival games, face painting, glitter tattoos, ceramic make-it and take-it

Kitchener-Waterloo

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

Bring the family to Bingeman's for the Family Day Carnival! Enjoy inflatables, rides, food and activities! The fun takes place February 17-19, 2019. Children ages 2 to 11 are \$10 each, adults and children under two (with accompanying children ages 2 to 11) are free. All prices subject to applicable taxes and fees). The fun goes from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Milton

The Town of Milton facilities are the place to be on Family Day for fun-filled activities for all ages. Enjoy games, fitness, sports, swimming, skating and more! Many free activities have been scheduled at our facilities. [See the calendar](#) for a full list of activities. Where "FREE" is not indicated, regular admission fees apply. Admission to all activities is first come, first served. Pre-registration is available and encouraged for some programs.

Mississauga

[Family Day with Mississauga Parks and Rec](#), Mississauga (various locations)

Swim, skate and play on Family Day, February 18, 2019, at your local recreation facility.

[KidsFestTO](#), International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

The much-anticipated KidsfestTO, happening at the International Centre, Family Day Long Weekend 2019 is back and is gearing up to provide laughter, fun and play for kids 12 and under. Kids Fest Toronto has more than 30 themed inflatables that are blown-up and ready for action. That is 80,000 square feet of pure fun. Children can slide, ride and bounce all day. Inflatables range from large slides to toddler appropriate rides. On top of the fabulous inflatables, KidsfestTO offers shows, interactive activities, games, crafts and more.

[2019 LunarFest presented by Vendôme](#), Living Arts Centre, 4141 Living Arts Drive, Mississauga,

Celebrate the Year of the Pig and Family Day like no other! Bring your family to walk through the Tunnel of Blessings and enjoy the sounds of the Butterfly Lovers. Win a prize in the Universe of Piggy Banks and learn about cultures and currencies. Don't forget to take a money bath and "gong" for the fortune! Learn to do lots of Lunar New Year crafts including DIY a Pig Hero lantern. Check out a special exhibit/tour on Emperor Qianlong's Italian painter. FREE Admission

[Spring Fishing and Boat Show](#), International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

February 15-18, 2019. With rock walls, fishing ponds and more, children of all ages will be excited for their visit to the Spring Fishing and Boat Show!

[Family Day at Celebration Square](#), 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga

Monday, February 18th, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Lace up your skates, get the family together and head to Celebration Square this Family Day for an afternoon full of winter fun! Explore the Canadian wilderness with Birds of Prey Demos, nature themed story-telling, face painting in the Great Hall, roaming "wild" animals and ice carving demonstrations outdoors.

Niagara Falls

[Family Day in Niagara Falls](#)

For the young and young at heart, find all of your Family Day activities in Niagara Falls. From unique signature views, to up close encounters with butterflies and birds, endless entertainment and rich history, make forever memories as you #ExploreNiagara for your Family Day holiday!

Oakville

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

Tour the various barns and outbuildings of the Children's Farm (open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) to see your favorite farm animals. Pellet feed stations available (funds support the Friends of Bronte Creek Park). In the Children's Playbarn, kids 10 and under can climb, jump and explore tunnels to their hearts content. At the Nature Centre (open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm), live animals and hands-on displays showcase Bronte Creek's natural world. Don't forget to stop by the crafts station!

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

The Town of Oakville's 11th annual Make Your Moves Family Day will once again offer a full slate of free activities and special events for all ages and abilities on Monday, February 18, 2019. Try something new! Learn and get moving with more than 100 activities to choose from! [CLICK here](#) for the 2019 brochure.

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 15-24, 2019.

[Family Day at Harbourfront Centre](#), 235 Queens Quay West, Toronto

Featuring free skating lessons on the Natrel Rink, rinkside dance breaks, emerging DJs, icy activities, a fireside outdoor lounge and more!

[Family Day Weekend at Toronto Zoo](#), 2000 Meadowvale Road, Toronto

Add some wild to your Family Day and bring your family to meet ours including the Western lowland gorillas, polar bears, orangutans and more. Meet some of our newest family members including Charlie, Penelope and Kiran. Take in one our daily Keeper Talks, Carnivore Feedings, visit our tropical pavilions or grab a hot chocolate and walk along our many scenic trails. Meet Canada's only giant panda cubs, Jia Yueyue and Jia Panapan, before they leave this March! Also enjoy over 10 km of walking trails, explore the 10-acre Tundra Trek featuring a polar bear habitat with underwater viewing area or escape the chill with five indoor tropical pavilions.

[Family Fun at the AGO](#), Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas Street West, Toronto

It's all about collage! Come dance, play and make art in a day of fun for the whole family. Cut, paste, assemble and embellish in an all-day collage party. Learn dance moves from the house dance crew **FlowHer House Collective**. Build ready-made sculptures with strange objects, make a puzzle or create a zine. Sing your hearts out in our family karaoke lounge and sip on a colour-changing drink or enjoy a rice krispie collage ball. Enjoy a family friendly tour of the Mickalene Thomas' *Femmes Noires* exhibition or take a much-needed break in our quiet space with soft toys and soothing music.

Toronto (cont'd)

Free Community Skate, Mattamy Athletic Centre, 50 Carlton Street, Toronto

Bring your family and friends for a free skate at the “Cathedral of Hockey.” Formerly Maple Leaf Gardens, the Mattamy Athletic Centre opens up the ice on Monday, February 18th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Family Fun Fest, Downsview Park, 40 Carl Hall Road, Studio 3, Toronto, ON

Family Fun Fest is back! Come join the fun with the whole family inside at Downsview Park. Enjoy jumping castles, kiddie midway rides, live entertainment and more! Parking is free and the festival is open all weekend long, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, including Family Day.

Family Winter Fun Day at Fort York, 250 Fort York Boulevard, Toronto

There are no shortage of activities to celebrate Family Day. Come and have your face painted, dress up in period costume and experience unique interactive pop-up exhibitions, performances and crafts. Sip hot chocolate and devour roasted marshmallows in a magical authentic historical environment. Make sure to bring your skates – The Bentway at Fort York public skating trail is open until 9:00 pm!

The Energy Show, Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Road, Toronto

Discover the world’s ultimate source of power at The Energy Show! Aunt Tess needs your help! Your mission, should you accept it, is to conduct important energy-related experiments while Aunt Tess is on a road trip across Ontario. Through interactive and animated investigation, experimentation and collaboration, you’ll learn about the different types of renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, and deepen your understanding of its generation, transmission and storage. Get ready to encounter a seven-foot Tesla coil, a hair-raising Van de Graaff generator, burning bubbles and more to uncover the world’s ultimate source of power – all in the name of science!

Family Day at the Legislative Assembly, 111 Wellesley Street West, Toronto

Saturday, February 16th from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Join us for a family friendly tour at Ontario’s Legislative Building. During this two-hour program, families will explore the historic Legislative Building, participate in a scavenger hunt, learn how Parliament works, create a craft and have fun—all for free!

Pre-registration is required. For more information call tour bookings at 416.325.0061 or email tourbookings@ola.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Winter at Ontario Place, 955 Lakeshore Boulevard West, Toronto

For the second year in a row, the West Island of Ontario Place will feature our winter program from November 23 – March 17th. Come down and explore the Winter Light Exhibition, skate on our rink, roast marshmallows and S’mores by our community bonfires and catch a movie at Cinesphere. This year, we are excited to add a series of Skate Parties featuring DJ’s Fawn Big Canoe and Shane Mackinnon at our iconic waterfront venue!

Wasaga Beach

[Snowman Mania](#), Wasaga Beach

We will officially kick off the 14th annual Snowman Mania with a party for all ages at the RecPlex (1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach). The Kick-Off Party will include fantastic Canadian music talents—Rebekah Stevens and Little Bones—a tribute to Tragically Hip, along with an indoor children’s activity centre featuring face painting, balloon art and much more. Cozy up beside one of the outdoor fire pits. The evening will be capped off with a Fireworks show that promises to a breathtaking winter spectacle. Swing by for the evening or come-and-go as you please. This event will surely have something for everyone!

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 16-18, 2019 (12:01 am Saturday to 11:59 pm Monday) and June 29-July 7, 2019 (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 22nd Annual GBBC takes place February 15-18, 2019. 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.