

# THE GRAND KAM CANOE AND KAYAK TOUR

## Welcome Media and Sponsors

The **Grand Kam Canoe and Kayak Tour** is a family fundraising event for competitive and recreational paddlers. We have updated our race/tour course, and are pleased to offer a **20 km** paddle, a **5 km** paddle, and a short, **fun paddle for children**. This will take place on the Kaministiquia River, beginning and ending at Fort William Historical Park, allowing participants a safe, enjoyable and scenic experience.

**Children's Centre Foundation Thunder Bay** is here to improve the mental health of children, youth and families in the City and District of Thunder Bay. We do this by engaging volunteers and the community, educating the public, working to improve access to mental health services for those in need and raising much needed funds to support these efforts.

### **Grand Kam Canoe and Kayak Tour Sponsors:**

WildWaters/Bruce Hyer, WestJet, Wilderness Supply Co. Ltd., Environment North, Mountain Equipment Co-Op, The Trip Outdoors, TBayTel, Coastal Steel, RBC Dominion Securities/Don Skochinski, Clow Darling, Chaltrek Ostrom Outdoors, The Chronicle Journal, Generator, ScotiaBank, Fort William Historical Park.

We encourage you to join the fun at our event on **Saturday June 30, 2007** at **Fort William Historical Park**. Race/Tour begins at 10:00 am. There also will be live music, 20 minute tours in FWHP's large War Canoe (for small donation) and an 'exotic pet' display, courtesy of Lilac Grove Boarding Kennel.

Participants must register by Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at WildWaters, Chaltrek Ostrom, Wilderness Supply Co. Ltd, or Children's Centre Thunder Bay. Information and registration forms are available online at [www.childrenscentre.ca](http://www.childrenscentre.ca)

Kit pick-up will be at Fort William Historical Park Thursday June 28 from 12-5pm, and Friday June 29 from 3-8pm. Please note that children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Entry fees are \$30 per person, or minimum \$30 in pledges per person. There are fantastic prizes to be won, including a trip for 2 courtesy of WestJet for the person with the highest amount of pledges collected over \$400. There is also a charity raffle (lottery licence #M574330) for a kayak valued at \$600, courtesy of Bruce Hyer of WildWaters, a Frisky Fox Package, courtesy of White Fox Inn, and an overnight stay at Mink Mountain Resort, courtesy of Mink Mountain. Tickets are just \$3 or 2 for \$5. Draw will take place at the event following the races.

There are plenty of opportunities for great photos/videos. The start area, as well as the bridge across Hwy 61 (where paddlers in 20 km turn around) are good locations. If you would like photos from a boat, please contact us in advance for arrangements.

Proceeds from this event remain local, and support children's mental health in our community. In the last year, Children's Centre Thunder Bay has served over 1600 clients, and continues to address the needs of children and families. This is one of our major fundraiser events of the year, and hope for continued support for our charity.

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