

December 22, 2010

Happy Holidays!

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! From all of us at Battlefords Tourism...!

December 1, 2010

Christmas Traditions!

Recently the Battlefords hosted the BUH Foundation Festival of Trees, which marks the beginning of the build up to Christmas here in the Battlefords.

Along with Carol Singing, and some colorful Christmas Trees... the day was packed full of surprises, with Fijian/New Zealand Christmas songs, tasty gingerbread cookies, horse drawn sleigh rides and sumptuous decorations which were auctioned off. It was also a great place to get some good decorating ideas as well...

Other events going on in The Battlefords this week are two plays, one with The Battlefords Community Players - "Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun" and Cochin community players 'Sorry Wrong Chimney'. Classical music lovers will enjoy a cello and piano recital as well as the Annual Battleford 2000 Lions Christmas Bazaar.

For these and other events taking place this month, go to our events page on the website.



November 23, 2010

Winter Adventure Continues in the Battlefords

With the onset of winter here in Saskatchewan, North Battleford recently held their first Down Town Christmas Parade.

Many braved the cold and stood to cheer the participants on!

Battlefords Tourism even has a mascot - check it out!

And every Christmas Parade has to have a Santa Clause!

Check out our other events happening in the Battlefords this week - Battlefords Community Players, BUH Festival of Trees, Cochin Community Players and lots more to see and do. Start your winter adventure in the Battlefords - come visit us...!



November 18, 2010

Winter Adventure in the Battlefords

Winter has come to the Battlefords and with that - the adventure begins! We like to compare to see how cold one year is from the next...

We are a friendly province with an ice breaker conversation, the weather! Meet a stranger and with the snow blowing and the wind howling, there is always a smile and comment, 'typical Saskatchewan weather!' and then there is always the brave person who is trying to hide being cold. There is no getting away from the fact that when winter comes, it gets pretty cold. Some folks like to stay inside, while others take on the winter



adventure, by going to Table Mountain Regional Park. Table Mountain now has two quad chair lifts, 2 magic carpets; they have rentals, tubing and certified ski instructors as well as a chalet for après ski refreshments! Blue Mountain Outdoor Adventure Centre has tubing, X-country skiing, skating and year-round zip-line.

Other places waiting for adventure are Finlayson Island. Trails are groomed in the winter to allow skiers and walkers the ability to use the island year-round. Tobogganing hills can be found at the Don Ross Centre, (for the brave!) and for little ones the Holy Family School has a small hill in the field adjacent to the school.

Winter isn't cold - It's a season of adventure waiting to be discovered!

November 8, 2010

November in the Battlefords

Welcome to November! In celebration of November as a month in between fall and winter here are a few factoids - November was originally the ninth month in the Roman calendar and was changed in 1582 when most European countries adopted the Gregorian calendar

we currently use! Also in November is Remembrance Day and International Men's Day. The Battlefords Celebrate November with Christmas Parades in Downtown Battleford and North Battleford, festivals and contests that keep the coming winter (Brrrr!) something to look forward to!

October 31, 2010

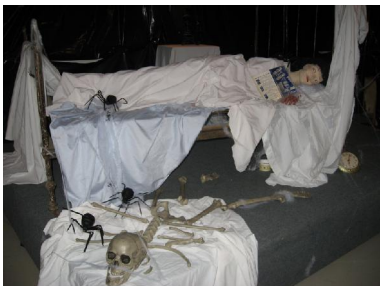
Halloween

Welcome to Halloween ---000000hrrrrr!!!!

Halloween and many of its present day traditions derive from the Celts in ancient Britain and the festival of Samhain - a festival of light and dark. Here are some of the more interesting highlights from the past week's Halloween celebrations.

Even ghosts and goblins need a place to eat while visiting, check out this spooky diner!

Check out the meal they serve to the ghosts and ghouls who visit! Occasionally Ghosts and Ghouls do sleep, and when they do they like to bring a few friends! and while they are waiting to spook everyone out, they get to sit in the sitting room!
Have a safe and fun Halloween!



October 26, 2010

Spooktacular Events...

Spooktacular events this week took place at the Western Development Museum. I went with my family, with ninja's and devils and goofy teeth! We enjoyed the entertainment at the Cirque du Mort. Here a couple of spooky clowns book us on a tour.

Next we toured around the Museum to see what other spooky treats and events were taking place and found a witch and her black cat flying through!



The spookilicious treats were available at the concession with lots of other treats as well. Fort Battleford National Historic Site had an Adult Haunted Fort with all five buildings turned into haunted houses! The WDM will be hosting its first adult Fright Night on Thursday October 28, starting at 6pm followed by a freaky feast and "Jaw-dropping...Bone Chilling Haunted Village Tours"

For further information on any of these tours and more with in the Battlefords check out the events page!

Look out for more Spooky tales this week...!

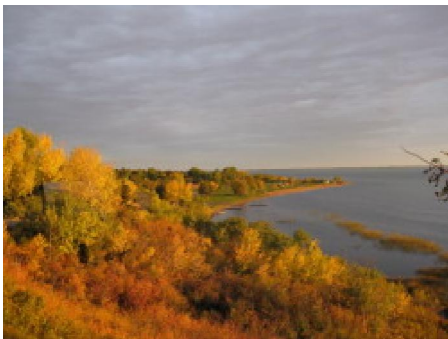
October 13, 2010

Fall and the Humble Pumpkin... This is taken from Lowe's Bed and Breakfast, one of Battlefords Tourism's members. This stunning picture shows the fall colours we've had so far this year. The picture overlooks Jackfish Lake and the Battlefords Provincial Park.

Carved Pumpkins at the Western Development Museum showcase pumpkin creativity. To see more creativity in action you can go to The Chapel Gallery where the Battlefords Art Club Show and Sale will be taking place on October 19th. As well the 15th Annual Great Pumpkin Masquerade will take place at the Western Development Museum on October 23rd.

What will you do with your pumpkin? Every year a blitz on what to do with a pumpkin comes out each fall, Cakes, candy, cookies, scones, soup or carving the pumpkins... and let's not forget the seeds, roasted or plain and of course pumpkin pie! Delicious!

Are you prepared for Halloween? Stop by next week for something spooktacularous!



October 6, 2010

Harvest time...a time to explore!

The Battlefords is part of a thriving farming community. Nestled on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, the Battlefords is surrounded by rich, fertile farmland. A short drive in any direction will produce fields of golden wheat or heavy swaths of ripe canola. This presents an excellent opportunity to unleash your inner explorer.

So this is my challenge to you. After Thanksgiving



Day dinner this weekend, round up the family and take a trip out to the country. Enjoy the sights and sounds of harvest on the prairies - take those turkey sandwiches with you and savour a packed lunch farmer-style on the back of the tailgate. Oh, and be sure to take your camera, you'll be glad you did!

Happy Thanksgiving from Battlefords Tourism!

September 22 2010

Always Something for Everyone...

Having lived in many communities, the Battlefords are one of the busiest for its population size. There's always something going on, either on a weekend, or during the week. Year-round, there are events that entertain, attract and encourage people to come out and experience what the Battlefords has to offer. Just the other day, in between harvesting pumpkins and raking leaves, the 5th Annual Collectors Show was on at the Frontier Mall. Even managed to pick up an old hand drill in full working order! With year-round events and entertainment, the Battlefords hosts around 100-120 events! That's a lot to visit. These range from events put on by service clubs, to entertainment at mainstream venues and attractions. Upcoming events this weekend is the Annual Toy and Farm Equipment Show and Sale on at Exhibition Place on September 25 and 26. Next week on September 27-30 the 8th Annual Western Municipalities Aboriginal Gathering takes place at the Gold Ridge Centre.

Come by next week and see what else there is to do in the Battlefords!

September 10 2010

Wait... It's fall and there's still lots to do and see in the Battlefords and area!

Hi, Greetings from the Battlefords! Knowing that once fall comes, the students head back to school, attractions close or are on reduced hours and vacationers head back home, communities like the Battlefords hunker down for the winter. But, we don't hibernate! There's a hive of activity from trade shows, to events involving the community to some of the best attractions in North West Saskatchewan, which remain open, some up to the end of September, others Year-round. That makes us -The Battlefords - Saskatchewan's Year-Round Play Ground! Recently I took a quick look at the fall Inspirations Trade Show at the Western Development Museum. Booths were being set up, ready for display and the weekend.

The Inspirations Trade Show is on September 10, 11 and 12. Hours are Friday 2-7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Chapel Gallery (open year-round) is a peaceful, artful place. Check out their latest exhibit, sample the view and walk down to the mazes they have on the grounds. Another attraction worth seeing, and closes at the end of September is the Fred Light Museum. There's always something interesting to see there. Check out the collection of Moustache cups! Check out the other collections in this photo! Want a closer look, check it out at the

Fred Light - they are open until September 30. Hours are from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Come with us next week on another visit to the Battlefords!



September 1 2010

Gnome From Home Has Gone Home!

Hi, Gilbert here, with my last blog of the holidays from the Battlefords! I had a fabulous time going to lots of events and meeting people from all over the place. What a time I had. Gilberta likes her gift, and I found a special place to go to to call home, with the Mystery Snap Shot Winner - Janis Stepko. She has a garden with other gnomes. So I bid everyone adieu and yes I got caught...!



Here are some of my favorite pictures from my travels around the Battlefords...



Visit us for more blogs on the Battlefords and area - coming soon!

August 25th, 2010

Gnome in the Mall!

Hi, this is Gilbert. I'm doing some last minute shopping as this is my last week before I go back home! I have really enjoyed being in the Battlefords, with all the events that have taken place through out the summer. It has been a fabulous 13 weeks, from Pow-Wow's and air planes to feeding horses at the Provincial Chuck Wagon Races and meeting some really nice people.



I have two more events to go to before I go home! BridgeFest which takes place on August 28th at the Battleford Flats, starting with a Trail run at 7:30 a.m., and a Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. - I'm definitely going to be there! Opening ceremonies will follow at 9:00 a.m. with entertainment at 9:30 and various activities from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be lots of entertainment! Closing ceremonies will be at 9:50 p.m. with PRISM playing until 11:00 p.m. when the fire works begin. Then PRISM plays again at 11:30 p.m. for an encore presentation!

And on August 29th the Provincial Mountain Bike Races, take place on the Eastern portion of the North Shore Trail by Sask. Hospital, races start at 10:00 am.

Catch me if you can, or I'll catch you later!

July 30th, 2010

Gnome in Town!

Hi Gilbert here in The Battlefords! I am out and about the Battlefords this weekend looking to see what events are going on.

I will be at the Canadian Provincial Chuck Wagon Races this evening. Races start at 6:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday night, on Sunday they start at 4:00 p.m.

I also found myself making friends with the horses, trying out a couple of the wagons, and watching the Ferrier shoe some horses!

I also visited the Children's Day Camp at Fort Battleford National Historical Site, their last day camp is on Wednesday August 4th.

Then asked if any one knew of the best place to get some 'wall eye'!!!

I'm going to have a lot of fun this weekend and will also be visiting the Moosomin First Nation Pow-Wow taking place at Moosomin arena on July 30, 31 and 1st of August. Their Grand Entries take place at 7 pm each day and on Sunday Grand Entry takes place at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Other events include Family Fun Days at the Battlefords Provincial Park on July 31 and Weapon Demonstrations occur each day at Fort Battleford with the Canon at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. catch me if you can and catch you later!!!



July 20th, 2010

Gnome on the Beach!

I am having such a great time! here I am on the beach at Jackfish Lake, spent the weekend out and about again, went to explore The Battlefords Provincial Park and found myself admiring the sunset on a quiet evening by the lake shore!

On the weekend I went to three different events. One was the Saskatchewan Handcraft Festival at the Alex Dillabough Centre, in Battleford. Toured around the many booths, sampled chocolate, East Indian food, took a look at the clothing and jewelry on sale. I admired the intricate metal working of many artists - especially the whirly sculptures! There were a lot of talented artists including some of the booths I stopped at, here one with stone carvings and the other with candles.

My next stop was at the Western Development Museum where I got to admire the Parade of Power and the machines farmers used at the turn of the last century in the Gas and Steam Power Weekend which was on July 17 and 18.

My next trip will be to see Family Fun Days at the Battlefords Provincial Park, on July 31st. I will also be taking in the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Races from July 30 to 1st August at Exhibition Place. I'm also going to be taking in the last day of the Children's Day Camp a Fort Battleford National Historic Site on August 4th.

July 7th, 2010

Gnome Goes Home!

Greetings from Home! I finally made it back to see my family at the Troll Fest, here I am with Jtul, he attends every year and we managed to catch up with lots of stories about Nisse the mischievous and adventurous gnomes around the place.



Here I am again with Erik and Grimwold, just finished having afternoon tea and took a tour of the lodge.

The visitors to the Troll Fest put on a play about Nisse, afterwards I went to find Uwe my cousin who was guarding the bridge, we both took turns hiding and being trolls.

I also made it to Canada day at Fort Battleford, but they caught me making my way through the cake!



I had a good time at the Family Weekend at the Western Development Museum and was outside the barber shop, but I didn't get a hair cut though!

Next week I will be going to the Annual Sakicawasihk Pow-Wow on July 13-15 at the North Battleford Civic Centre, Children's Day Camps starting July 14 and occurring each Wednesday of July and on August 4 at Fort Battleford National Historic Site. I will also be attending the Saskatchewan Handcraft Festival held here every year from July 16-18 at the Alex Dillabough Centre. I will be catching candy at the Battleford Parade and Street Dance in Battleford on July 16.

Catch you later if you don't catch me first!

June 28th, 2010

Greetings from afar!

Well, not that far, just outside of the Battlefords at the Poundmaker Cree First Nation where the Re-enactment of the 'Battle at Poundmaker Hill' is being featured from June 28 to July 4.

Canada Day Celebrations will take me to the Battlefords



Provincial Park and Fort Battleford National Historic Site, where I'm told they will keep a slice of cake for me!

Dimensions will also be featured from July 1 to July 20 at the Chapel Gallery, and I will be exploring the art in different Dimensions!

The family weekend at the Western Development Museum will also be something I'm going to visit and I will also be traveling to visit friends and relatives at the Troll Fest on July 3 and 4 at the Walker Farm.

Wow, who knew there was so much to do in the Battlefords!!

June 14th, 2010

High Flying Gnome!

Hi! Gilbert here, flying high at the Soaring Association's National Competition at the Cameron MacIntosh Airport! Took in a tour of the airport and found myself admiring a single seater prop plane. Here I am trying to get into the plane!

I met up with some world-class glider pilots, who take part in competitions around North America and the world. The gliders have a 40-foot wing span and use water in the wings to give weight to them so they fly faster and better, unfortunately no one was able to take me up, but I did get to sit in one of them as they got ready for the competition...

Gilberta loves to golf so I will be able to practice my game on June 19th at the SYPE 2010 Golf Tournament (Saskatchewan Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs), and on the 24th is the Battlefords United Way 13th Annual Golf Tournament. On June 19th is the 2nd Annual Battleford Block Party and on June 21st is the Aboriginal Festival. Phew! Another busy week here in the Battlefords! I love just being able to go from one event to another, keeps me busy and I have something I can tell Gilberta.

