

Culture Days - Celebrating what makes us, us

Did you know there is a national event called Culture Days planned for the last weekend of September to celebrate Canada's artistic and cultural diversity? Did you know this is the fourth annual such celebration and the third year Red Lake has been involved? Did you know our local Culture Days committee is actively looking for participants to share their talents during this great event? If you weren't already aware, now is the time to get up to speed.

Beginning in 2009, Culture Days was created with the goal of raising awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of citizens in the arts and cultural life of their communities. Plans for this year's local event include a variety of opportunities to involve you and your family and friends. Starting on Friday, Sept. 27, the celebration will open with a traditional smudging ceremony at the Red Lake Royal Canadian Legion in the early evening followed by a coffee house featuring local entertainers and food. People are reminded to return to the Legion on Saturday morning when the Red Lake Market will feature the monthly farmers' visit, the final one of this season, along with a host of flea market bargains. In the afternoon the RLDHS will open its doors to any cultural or artistic groups to set up and share their talents. One such group is the local Ukrainian Church which will be preparing and serving a traditional meal, while sharing its culture.

Making a full day of it means taking in the Red Lake Wilderness Entertainment Series first concert of the season featuring iconic Canadian singer songwriter Bruce Cockburn.

Sunday morning closing ceremonies will take place prior to the start of the Red Lake Road Run back at RLDHS. No matter how you define what Red Lake culture means to you, there is sure to be something to catch your interest.

So, do you, or your group want to get involved? This is a great way to share who you are and what you do along with 800 other communities across Canada. Whether you want to perform on stage at the coffee house, share some cultural cooking tips, or demonstrate your art techniques in public, this weekend is for you. If you would like more information contact: Catherine Mochrie at 662-1149 or imochrie@sympatico.ca.



Stay tuned for event schedules over the next few weeks in *The Northern Sun News*.

