



Photo by Evan Campbell

A crowd started to gather around the bonfire as the temperatures dropped into the -20 degree Celsius range at the Crooked Rock Bonspiel in Arnprior, Ont., on Sunday. The bonspiel was played from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. with a potluck and fun times had by all.

Families have fun on special day

By Sandra Kielback

Art For Everyone! is a unique place to make art, meet new people and have a great time.

Owner Rachel Comeau opened Art For Everyone! in June 2012, after moving to Trenton from Nova Scotia and has had many events to make Art For Everyone! known in the community. You can find Art For Everyone!'s store front at 263 Dundas St. E. in Trenton across from Mark's Work Wearhouse.

Comeau has a fine arts degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and

Design and a teaching degree. She used both skills to create Art For Everyone!

"Family Day doesn't make any sense because everyone has the day off to do stuff with their families but there's nothing to do," said Comeau.

She hoped that having a Family Day activity would encourage families to get out and do something rather than sit at home.

Families that showed up were able to get their faces painted, decorate a picture frame, make silly hats, create family trees and get their family photos taken to go into the picture frame.

"We have a very busy schedule but we love art; we are a creative family. I took the day off to bring the kids here," said mother of two Tracey Whitten.

This was the Whittens' first time participating in any activity that Comeau has offered.

"We're definitely enjoying it," said Whitten.

In total Art For Everyone!'s Family Day activity brought out eight families, Comeau and her staff hope by next year more families will show interest and come out and make Family Day memorable.

Those who know about Art For Ev-

eryone! love it and most come back more than once, Comeau said.

"In terms of what we have here and what we offer it's very unique and people are willing to drive to it. One family comes all the way from Napanee," said Comeau.

Art For Everyone! has many different classes every day of the week. It also offers day camps, birthday parties, workshops, and more.

Birthday parties are a big hit at the shop. Partygoers make a large variety of art, including rain sticks, t-shirts, and buttons.

Not only are there classes, but also

the studio doubles as a gallery where about 25 artists from around the area show their works.

Lately Comeau and her staff have started to teach a class at one of the local retirement homes and hope to continue it for as long as they can.

"We really focus on those who don't think they are creative," said Comeau.

They are also preparing for an art night at St. Mary Catholic School, which will be held in May.

For more information about Art For Everyone! contact Comeau at 613-955-1001.



Photo by Tijana Martin

Crystal Rumsam tries snowshoeing with her daughter Autumn, 5, and her son Jesse, 6, during a Family Day event at the Frink Centre. The event included a guided tour through the woods and a chance to try snowshoeing, approximately 40 people attended the event.

Great outdoors part of day of fun

By Tijana Martin

On Monday, the sun was shining, inviting all those around to get in touch with their families and with the great outdoors.

Approximately 40 people joined together at the H.R Frink Outdoor Education Centre for a morning of fun with their loved ones.

Mary Tiessen, a facilitator for the Friends of the Frink Centre, was happy with the number of people that attended the event.

She stressed the importance of how peaceful nature can be, and how we "have to connect with each other, and a good way is through nature."

The only things surrounding them were thousands of trees, and the tiny foot-

steps left behind from the wild animals that inhabit the area.

It was a day to appreciate their families while submerging their selves amongst the peace and quite nature has to offer.

Beaver teeth marks on the logs near the Moira River made the children pay extra close attention the tour guide.

The only sounds in the middle of the woods were that of children laughing, and the snow being stepped on as family members followed a guided hike through the woods.

Parents held the hands of their young ones, and stopped to make sure their children were warm.

They would fix their children's scarves, and pull their hats down closer to their heads.

Shortly after the hike, the families went

inside for a short break to get warmed up in preparation for the next event, snowshoeing.

For many, it was a day of firsts. Leslie Beatty, however, is an avid snowshoer and came out with her two kids to get a chance to experience some new trails.

For Beatty this was a chance to relax with her family on Family Day.

"I am a busy, busy single mom, with hockey, curling, jazz, piano and all of that stuff, so it's nice to be able to relax and enjoy the day. There is no timeline, no rush, no anything, it's fantastic," she said.

Melony Beens described the importance of Family Day as "a time to connect, and celebrate the great outdoors together and do something to make some memories."



Photo by Alicia Wynter

Clive Jandles plays the drums with his two-year old son Tyler Jandles at the Forest Hill United Church in Kitchener, Ont. during Bring on the Sunshine family day event. "It was awesome, it was real nice. I really enjoyed it, and the kids really enjoyed it. My son enjoyed the drums very much," said Jandles.



Photo by Alicia Wynter

Children, moms and dads enjoyed a full day of tobogganing at the McLennan Park in Kitchener, Ont. for family day. Young and old alike took a slide down the big snowy hill Monday afternoon.