

Festival of Trees

Community Support & Supporting Communities

What You Can Expect to See and Do at the Festival:

The Festival of Trees is only possible through the support of the whole community and all the volunteers and groups who give their time, organize, and run their activities to make it happen. The festival is about having family and children's activities to participate in at very little cost to help increase family and community wellness.

- **County of Lac La Biche:** provide a grant for the use of the facilities.
- ALL 68 Businesses & Non-Profits that donated trees this year
- ALL 21 Businesses that donated door prizes and all that gave monetary donations.
- **Your Local Buzz , Lac La Biche Post,** and **BOOM 103.5:** provide coverage and get the word out there.
- An opportunity for **local businesses and groups** to advertise and give back by creating and donating decorated trees that become our winter wonderland.
- **\$1.00 Tree Raffle:** so, any family can afford to participate and win a tree or a door prize. After expenses, **proceeds go to local non-profit organizations, including school groups.**
- Local businesses who have generously allowed our volunteers groups to sell tickets at their businesses: **Britton's Your Independent Grocer, Home Hardware, IGA, LLB Agriculture Society Farmers Market, North Country Co-op Food Store,** and **Portage College.** Also, a **BIG THANKS** to our non-profit groups who sold tickets this year on behalf of the Festival of Trees: **Community Learning, Ecole Beausejour, KidSport, LLB 4H Club, LLB Clippers U9, LLB Disabilities, LLB Ski Club, Lakeland Scouts, Light of Christ Catholic School, Lions Club, Northern Beat Dance Academy STEP Travel Group, Plamondon Quilters, Portage College, Rotary Club of LLB and Stone Soup Food Centre.**
- Attending the festival is **FREE** for everyone! Instead, we ask that you bring and donate:
 - A new unwrapped toy or stuffed animal that we collect for **Santa's Helpers.**
 - Non-perishable food items we collect for **Waskaysoo Food Bank, Stone Soup Food Centre and Portage College Students Food Bank.**
 - New or gently used warm clothing for men or women we collect for **Out of the Element Shelter.**
 - Or monetary donations which will be divided.
- The **Giving Tree** hosted by **Interact Club of JA Williams.**
- **Lac La Biche Registries** sponsoring the **People's Choice Award.**
- **Coat Check** hosted by **Ecole Sainte-Catherines School.**
- **Santa pictures** Hosted by **LLB Kinette Club** with money going to their projects.



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- **Cookie Walk** hosted by **LLB Kinette Club**.
- **Children's Festival 2-days** with activities to participate in including **Balloon Twisting, Cookie Decorating** and **Face Art**. The **Bouncy Houses** sponsored by **LLB Kinsmen** and manned by **FCSS** and student volunteers. Thanks to hosts **FCSS, Hope Haven** and **Aboriginal Head Start**.
- **Santa Letters: a chance to write your letter and get it delivered to North Pole**. Thanks to **FCSS, Christine** and the **Next Generation Teen Volunteers**.
- **Coloring Contest** hosted and sponsored by **The Bargain! Shop**.
- **Life Size Games** hosted by **LLB Disability**.
- **Community Learning Elf and Assistant visit** giving away books to promote reading and literacy.
- **Community Learning** hosting winter scene with **Santa and Mrs. Clause**.
- **Concessions 2-day fundraiser for JAWS Athletic Program**.
- **Child MIND: Both Saturday and Sunday; two hour free** sponsored by **Canadian Natural**.
- **2 Pancake Breakfast** fundraisers hosted by **Lac La Biche KidSport** and **Kinsmen Club of LLB**.
- **Gingerbread Challenge** and **Poptart Build** sponsored by **Portage College**.
- **Christmas Shopping Extravaganza: stand alone event** hosted by **LLB AG Society & Bev Tkachuk** sharing the Saturday and Sunday.
 - Local vendors can display and sell their wares.
 - Non-profit organizations able to have a table to raise fundraising dollars.
 - Assistance with setup and take down: **local club will receive a donation**.
 - Celebrity Character appearance: **honorarium received**.
 - Organizer of donation raffle with proceed to **Kids Are Worth It: breakfast program**.
- **Friday Craft** hosted and proceeds to the **LLB Gymnastic Club**.
- **Senior Tea** on Saturday, hosted on by the **LLB Boreal Explorers**.
- **LLB Art Club** hosting **The Fabulous North Art Exhibition and Sale** the entire duration of the Festival of Trees. The exhibition includes various student art work.
- **School and Community Choirs performance; honorariums** sponsored by local businesses.
- **Senior Sneak Peek: Senior outings with tea and entertainment**. One hosted **FCSS** and one hosted **JAWS Grad**.
- **Seniors Bingo** at the Lac Alta Lodge hosted by **JAWS Community Helpers**.



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- **Bookkeeping Plus Ltd.** for all the printing of posters and paperwork this year.
- **Label Printing** hosted by **PWRCRS**.
- **Spaghetti Supper** on Saturday to raise money for **Northern Beat Dance Association- STEP**.
- **Free Family Skate** sponsored by **Cenovus**.
- **Free Swim** sponsored by **ALPAC**.
- **Fun Fit Fridays** sponsored by **Festival of Trees**.
- **Free Friday Family Movie Night** hosted by **JAWS Student Union**.
- **LLB Minor Hockey** organized tournament running alongside the festival.
- **Each year, different local companies donate and or sponsor various parts of the festival and are recognized for their contributions. Watch for our BIG “Thank-you” after the Festival is over. We thank everyone who donated their time, entered a tree, door prize donations and cash donations.**

After expenses and honorariums paid including **\$10,000** donated to **Kids Are Worth It Nutrition Program** yearly; overall money raised is given back to **children groups and non-profit groups** that help sell tree tickets for a day.

Now that you understand how wonderful our event is, we want to personally invite your company and families to come out and be part of this local community event of fun and creating HOPE and good deeds.

Impact of the Festival for the Community:

The committee only has the money they raise through tree tickets (\$1.00 each) and the money they get donated, to pay for the expenses and then all the rest is donated back to the community.

TWO different types of cheques are given out by the committee:

1. To organizations that helped put on the event that weekend in some way. These groups receive an honorarium of \$500.00.
2. To local organizations that sell tickets for a day-guaranteed a minimum of \$500.00 and then split the left-over money once all expenses are paid.

