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# Westville News

## HELP BUILD THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL



**Saturday August 22, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Acadia Park in Westville!**

Rain or shine prepare to be a part of a nation wide Trans Canada trail building experience. No experience necessary, ages 12 and up.

Stay as little or as long as you would like! Free Barbeque sponsored by NS Trails.

Bring your own tools (shovels, loppers, rakes). Don't have any tools? No Problem, tools will be available for you to use.

Extras: Wear comfy old clothes, and close toed shoes. Don't forget bug spray and sunscreen!

Sign up beforehand at the Town office, 1240 Queen St, or email [s\\_barnard@live.com](mailto:s_barnard@live.com), for the chance to win an early bird prize!

## HEY KIDS! WANT TO GO TO SHUBIE WILDLIFE PARK, DISCOVERY CENTER?—REGISTER FOR REC CAMP THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF AUGUST

It's been an action-packed summer for Westville Rec Campers. Indoor and outdoor games, music, sports, trips, puppets and more! Each week of camp is organized around a special theme and activities have included a variety show, haunted house, Olympic ceremonies, and costume parties. This year we've been excited to offer off site trips to Trenton Park, Pictou Fisheries Pool, Heather Lanes Bowling and a private screening of the Minions Movie. Partnerships with the Westville Library and the Active Transportation Summer Interns resulted in puppet making and kite workshops, a live puppet show and Westville Kite Fest, which filled Acadia Park with colourful kites!

Registration still available for the last two weeks of camp. To register, call the office at 902-396-1500, or come in and fill out a form. Camp costs \$50 per child for the week. Extra child care hours are available for working families and trip costs are listed below.

AUG 17-21 - "Welcome to the Jungle" This week is all about getting in touch with your wild side and nature. Expect safari nature walks and all things outdoors. \*Tentative\* over night camp out this week, more info to follow.

**Trip: Shubenacadie Wildlife Park—\$10.00 \***

AUG 24-28 - "Mad Science and Mystery Week" Each day the kids must work together to solve a mystery. The mystery gang themselves (Scooby doo and friends) may even make an appearance for a day. We will also be performing some wacky science experiments!

**Trip: Discovery Centre, Halifax—\$15.00 \***

\* please note that if your child does not go on the trip, alternate care arrangements must be made, as no additional rec staff will be available on these days.



Friday August 21st

## WHITE TAIL PUB HOSTS SKATE PARK FUNDRAISER WITH HAL BRUCE

The hard working young volunteers of the Westville Skate /BMX Park Committee are getting some help from the White Tail Pub and Hal Bruce.

Pub night August 21st at the White Tail in Westville

### Other ways to support the Skate Park:

Donate to their **GoFundMe** campaign at <http://www.gofundme.com/4v8z8za3rc>



Donate at the Town Hall. 2042 Queen St, Westville 902-396-1059

Play this September in the Youth Ball Hockey Tournament—Date



NEW FACEBOOK GROUP,

### FRIENDS OF ACADIA PARK

Acadia Park holds great significance in the Town of Westville. It is a beautiful place that we can all be proud of. This new Facebook page was created to bring people who love the park together to celebrate, enjoy and take good care of this Pictou County treasure. Already the Friends of Acadia Park, in partnership with Westville Recreation and Public Works Department, have hosted Westville Kite Fest, a lunchtime Walk and Talk with the Active Transportation Summer Interns and are now planning a fall gardening day in partnership with the Westville and Area Garden Club.

Join us today!



Like The Town of Westville on Facebook!

## CANADIAN MILITARY AWARENESS DAY

August 22nd in Victoria Park the Pictou County Military Museum is hosting this annual event featuring demonstrations, information, military vehicles and more. For more information contact the Military Museum at 902-396-2194

9am–3pm— donations accepted at the door.

## JAY FRASER MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

September 8th at Victoria Park, Westville Fire Department presents this popular annual car show. Show and shine, 9am–3pm at the park. For more information contact the fire department at 902-396-4150

## NEW COMMUNITY EVENT FOR LABOUR DAY RACES

Organizers of the Annual Jimmy Hawboldt /Fred Lays Memorial Road Races are adding a fun, community element to the popular race activities this year. Families are invited to decorate water stops for the runners and enter to win a prize for the best decorated stop. All water will be provided by Big 8 and delivered the morning of the race.

Decorated water stops will be judged by members of Westville Council and the winner will be announced with the race results. If your family or organization would like to enter a decorated water stop, contact Westville Recreation at 902-396-1059 or email [sally.oneill@westville.ca](mailto:sally.oneill@westville.ca)

Registration is open for the 2015 races. To register, contact the Town Hall at 902-396-1500.

Race Categories and entry fees:

1 Mile Run/Walk—\$20.00

5 Mile Run—\$20.00

Childrens Fun Run—Free



*Runners of all ages competed in the 2014 races*

## NOVA SCOTIA YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS SUPPORTS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN WESTVILLE



This summer the Town of Westville, in partnership with the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps, has hired three summer students to work on trails and active transportation. Active transportation is any form of human-powered transportation for the purposes of getting yourself or others to a particular destination. This can include getting to work, school, to the store and more. There has been a lot accomplished in Westville this summer and we are excited to introduce you to our summer interns.

**Sasha Barnard** is in her fourth year of a double major in Environmental Sustainability and International Development at Dalhousie University. Sasha was hired in May as a leadership student and project coordinator for the Westville trails and active transportation project, spearheaded by Recreation Coordinator Sally O'Neill. Sasha would later be joined by two student staff members Kelly and Mitchell starting work in June. The goal of Sasha's project is to create an active transportation plan for the town; therefore, Sasha spent much of her first few weeks meeting with community members and stakeholders in order to get a sense of what routes active transport users were taking to get around, in and out of town. This involved speaking with the Active Transportation Committee of Pictou County, students and teachers of

Walter Duggan, seniors and more. Once potential routes were established she was able to begin planning projects to increase the active transportation infrastructure in the town to make it more welcoming to all road users. These projects include informal wayfinding signage, road markings for active transportation, bike safety videos, community events and completion of the Westville section of the Trans Canada Trail.

**Kelly MacLellan** is a second year Kinesiology student at Dalhousie University. This is her second year working with the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps (NSYCC). The NSYCC is a program that is run through the Clean Foundation. The Clean Foundation is a non-profit NGO that focuses on environmental action and education in five key areas: transportation, water, waste, youth engagement and energy. Through working with the NSYCC Kelly has gained knowledge and skills in areas such as environmental impact assessments, conservation, active transportation and community involvement.

**Mitchell Higgins** is currently studying Natural Resources and Environmental Technology at the Nova Scotia Community College in Port Hawkesbury. Together, Mitchell and Kelly have been gathering information on potential trails and active transportation routes by mapping and timing them with GPS units. So far they have mapped safe routes to school for kids, quiet routes for less experienced cyclists, and the best routes to popular destinations in and outside of town such as the Wellness Centre. They have also been working to improve Acadia Park by painting and planting and reaching out to community members the Friends of Acadia Park Facebook page and other social media outlets.