

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) & First Air Proudly Present

SUMMER SOLSTICE

JUNE 17-19 VINCENT MASSEY PARK
ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL & COMPETITION POW WOW

FAMILY FUN ZONE + INTERACTIVE ARTS & CRAFTS + CONTINUOUS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
ART, FOOD & FASHION MARKETPLACE + ARTCIRQ + FIRE HOOP DANCE SHOW + ZIPLINE



FREE ADMISSION & FAMILY FUN!



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COMPETITION POW WOW

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The heart of our festival is our competition Pow Wow. This is an extremely visual and exciting way to experience our culture. As our event is a competition Pow Wow, it attracts some of the best singers and dancers from across Turtle Island (or North America) to compete for up to \$75,000 in prizes. The audience can watch everyone from tiny tots to our elders compete in their dance styles over the weekend, or join us in an intertribal dance. Everyone will be drawn to the "heartbeat" of the Pow Wow Drums and we are proud to present Ghost River Singers, 2015 Champions, as host drum plus many other great drums competing for the 2016 title.

- Friday starts at 6pm (non-contest/social evening)
- Saturday from 12pm to 9pm
- Sunday from 12pm to 6pm

NEW TO THE POW WOW?

No worries!! We love hosting new guests at our Pow Wow and helping to share our beautiful traditional and contemporary culture. For our community, a Pow Wow is a gathering, where we come together to celebrate, share, sing, dance, eat and have some good laughs with friends new and old. We don't expect you to know how things work and the best thing to do is always listen to the emcee. They will announce what is appropriate and when – when you can join in the dance – when you should stand to honour our women or veterans. You will learn a lot about our culture and community from listening to the emcee. Another important thing to note is that the drums and dancers have many items that are considered sacred as part of their regalia (outfits) so please be respectful and always ask before touching and if possible before taking photos or video.

Don't miss Grand Entry at 12pm each day where all dancers enter the circle together!



WELCOME! to the 20th anniversary celebration of National Aboriginal Day, June 21st. What better way to kick off the summer and celebrate than with this three-day FREE event that is enriched with Aboriginal culture, history and activities!

TWIN FLAMES

A fascinating blend of Inuit and Metis cultures as well as folk, pop and rock make Twin Flames a musical journey

GEORGE LEACH

It took George Leach 12 years to write his latest album Surrender – which won four awards including the 2014 Juno! It has been almost as long since we had him on stage – so excited to finally welcome him back!

ARTCIRQ

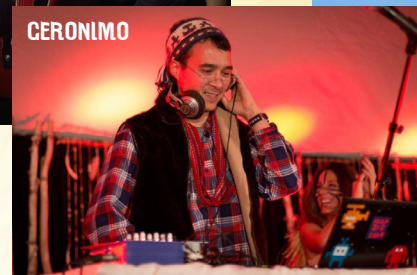
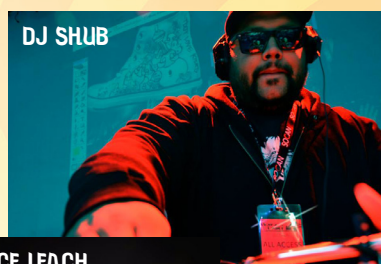
ArtCirQ Inuit Performance Collective present a Cirq-style performance of "Asiu" based on a traditional Inuit legend. What began as a ray of hope to prevent youth suicide in a remote community of Nunavut (Igloolik) has now toured around the world, even to Timbuktu!

CERONIMO / DJ SHUB, FIRE HOOP & PYRO

Southern Lights Spectacle. Geronimo Inuitiq will share some original beats, followed by Juno award winning DJ Shub (former member of A Tribe Called Red) mixing up the Pow Wow dub step with live fire hoop dancing with Beany John and even a pyrotech show finale!

FIND YOUR OWN INNER ELDER

A one woman show by Gemini award-winning Michelle Thrush that takes audiences on a journey of discovery using real moments remembered through her eyes and the impact her Grandmother had on her.



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MAIN STAGE

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FRIDAY, JUNE 17

6:30-8:30pm Boys With Braids Community Event
8:30pm Cody Coyote
8:45pm Caveman Techno – Indigenous Fusion

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

10:30am Stories from Mother Earth –
Kehewin Native Dance Theatre
12 pm Join us for Grand Entry @ the Pow Wow!
1pm Pow Wow Pitch
2 pm Cultural Showcase – Prairie Fire, Métis Jiggers,
Theland Kicknosway and throat-singers Tarniriik
3:00pm Find Your Own Inner Elder (in the Elders Storytelling Tent)
4:00pm Cultural Showcase
4:45 pm Pow Wow Pitch Finalists
6:00pm Twin Flames
7:00pm George Leach
8:00pm ArtCirq
9:00 pm Geronimo Inuitiq
9:15pm DJ Shub, Fire Hoop Dancer Beany John and Pyro Show!

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

12:00pm Join us for Grand Entry @ the Pow Wow!
1:00 pm Cultural Showcase Prairie Fire, Metis Jiggers, Theland Kicknosway and
throat-singers Tarniriik
3:00pm Stories from Mother Earth – Kehewin Native Dance Theatre
4:00pm Cultural Showcase – Prairie Fire, Metis Jiggers, Theland Kicknosway and
throat-singers Tarniriik

CULTURAL SHOWCASE

Watch some of our incredibly talented youth who all shared the experience of welcoming PM Justin Trudeau & won the hearts of Canada. This year's cultural showcase will include Metis group Prairie Fire, First Nations singer Theland Kicknosway and throat singers Tarniriik – who were known as the "Ministers of Cuteness".

POW WOW PITCH

Watch contestants pitch their Indigenous business ideas, Dragons' Den style, to celebrity judges to win cash prizes!



ARTS, CULTURE & FAMILY FUN

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Friday night 6-10pm (LIMITED PROGRAMMING)
Saturday 10am - 7pm
Sunday 10am - 6pm

INUIT VISUAL ARTS PAVILLION

In honour of our host organization, ITK, we will present our first Inuit Visual Arts Pavillion. You will watch master carvers and artists at work and can try your hand at carving soap stone. Browse a photo exhibit of northern life, pick up an original piece of seal skin traditional clothing and your own original Inuit stencil print. Kids of all ages will enjoy traditional Inuit face painting tatoos and colouring an original Inuit superhero graphic novel page.

ELDERS STORYTELLING AND TEA TENT

Share a quiet moment in the shade, enjoying a traditional legend shared by one of our many respected elders. Stories told every hour, starting at 10am and followed by a taste of traditional teas.

ONGOING FREE FAMILY FUN

- Soar through Vincent Massey Park on a 400 ft. zipline, ages 6 plus
- Try your hand at circus arts including a trapeze! Ottawa Circus School and ArtCirq
- Bouncy Castle and Giant Obstacle Courses
- Follow the fun stilt characters and giant puppets parade with Red Pepper Spectacle Arts and look out for Majica, the clown
- Facepainting by Painted Pixie (\$FEE APPLIES)
- Visit Métis Cultural Pavillon for interactive crafts, games and jigging
- Pass the Feather art exhibit and Talking Feather workshops (\$FEE APPLIES)

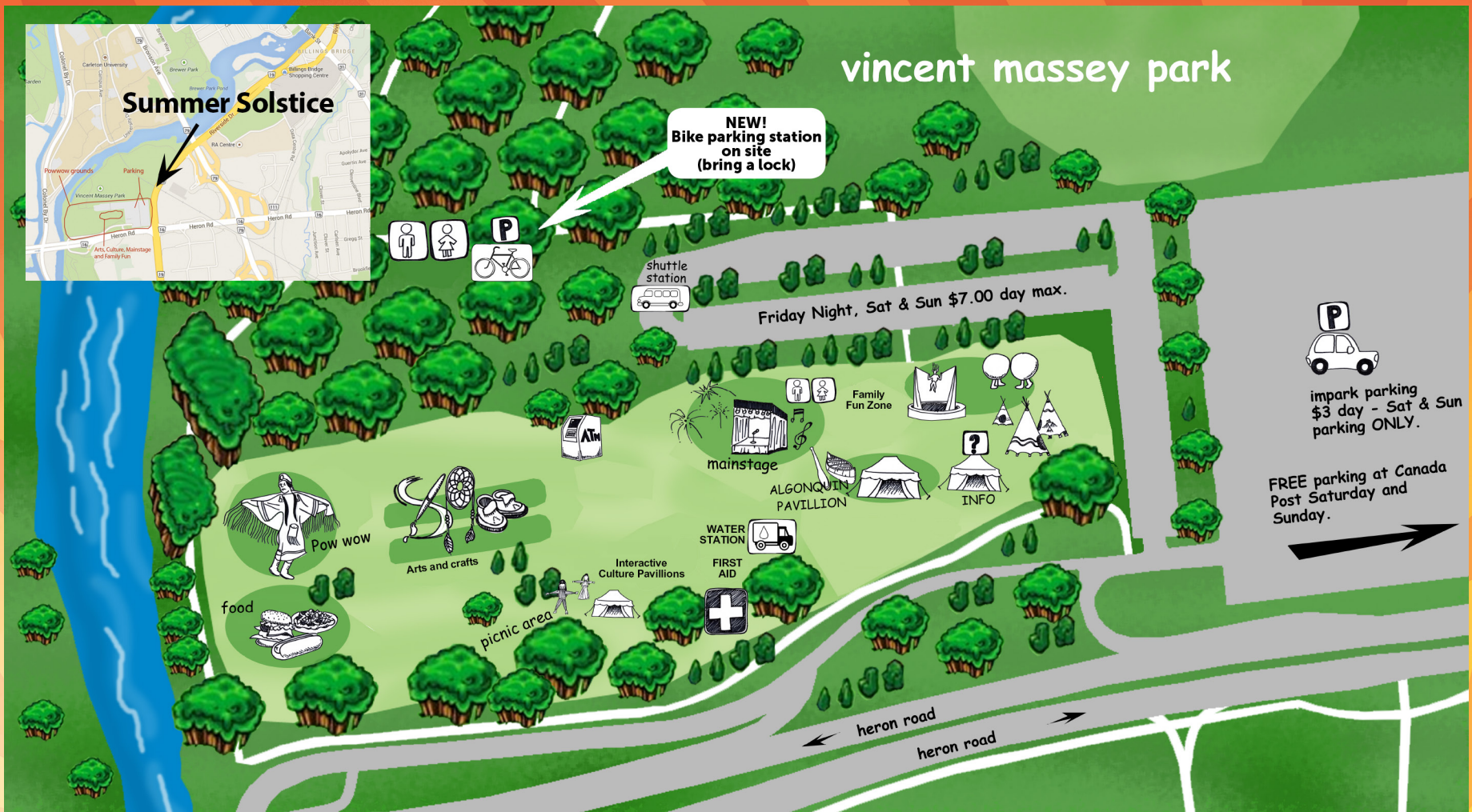
ABORIGINAL MARKETPLACE

Indulge yourself with a stroll through the Aboriginal Marketplace where you can find original and hand-made treasures. With over 70 Aboriginal craft vendors from across Canada, you'll be sure to take home some beautiful and authentic work! Aboriginal vendors sell everything from traditional smoked hide moccasins to printed fashion scarves and from beaded hair barettes to original artwork. Your experience would not be complete without tasting some of our traditional food – cooked up festival style. You can try buffalo burgers, strawberry juice, pickerel and wild rice, bannock and of course Indian Tacos, famous along the Pow Wow trail.



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FRIDAY

Shuttle departures & repeat every 2 hours
Greyhound bus terminal 4pm
Carleton University 4:15 pm
Rideau Camping & Rideau Heights Inn 5 pm
Ramanda Inn on the Rideau 5:12pm
Vincent Massey Park: 5:35 pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Shuttle departures & repeat every 2 hours
Greyhound bus terminal 9am
Carleton University 9:15am
Rideau Camping & Rideau Heights Inn 10am
Ramanda Inn on the Rideau 10:12am
Vincent Massey Park: 10:35am

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