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**THINGS TO SEE & DO IN AUGUST**



Toronto's **BUSKERFEST**  
August 21-24

<http://www.torontobuskerfest.com>



The Canadian National Exhibition

<http://theex.com/>

**NOW OPEN!**



Indoor Skydiving

<http://www.iflytoronto.com/>



Canada's Wonderland

<https://www.canadaswonderland.com/>



The Toronto Zoo

<http://www.torontozoo.com/>

**AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> IS A HOLIDAY**

The first Monday in August, (August 4<sup>th</sup>) is a holiday in Canada. Many businesses will be closed that day. This holiday has many names. In Toronto it is called *Simcoe Day* in honour of John Graves Simcoe who founded York, Upper Canada, which later became Toronto, Ontario. He was also the first lieutenant (pronounced left-en-ent) governor of Ontario.

**ARE YOU FISHING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FISHING?**

Ontario is a great place to have a fishing adventure with the family. With the many lakes in Ontario, there is a large variety of fish available to be caught. There are many tour operators that offer fishing packages tailored to your family, and guides. There is no need to worry if you are new to fishing or don't have a boat of your own. The first step to a fishing adventure is to get an Outdoors Card and License. (Children under the age of 18 do not need to purchase these

items). Both of these items can be purchased online through

[http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD\\_091032.html](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD_091032.html),

or by visiting a Service Ontario office that issues licences. Locations can be found at

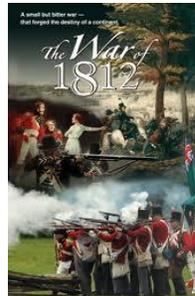
[http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/OC/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD\\_092425.html?panel=2](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/OC/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD_092425.html?panel=2)

This title uses a **play on words**. It is used to make the title more interesting. The word "fishing" is used in 2 different ways. "Fishing" is the subject of the article. It is also being used to ask 'are you looking for information about fishing?'. Sometimes when someone is looking for something, we say they are "fishing" for it.

**THE WAR OF 1812**

*The War of 1812 was a 2 ½ year military conflict between the U.S. and Great Britain. At the time, Canada was a*

*colony of Great Britain, and was drawn into the conflict when it was invaded several times by the Americans. There are many events in July and August that commemorate the war, including many fabulous **re-enactments** of some battles. Very good quality for those of you who want to learn more about Canadian history. More information can be found at <http://www.visit1812.com/events/>*



**DID YOU KNOW?...**

**Level 1 (Beginner)**

Poutine, (say pooh-teen) was invented in Canada. It is French fries with gravy and cheese curds on top. It is yummy.



**Level 2 (Intermediate)**

Poutine, (pronounced pooh-teen) is a yummy food served in many restaurants. It was invented in Quebec, Canada. The original poutine is French fries topped with brown gravy and cheese curds.

**Level 3 (Advanced)**

Poutine, (pronounced pooh-teen), is a tasty treat that was invented in Quebec, Canada. The original recipe is simply fries, topped with brown gravy and cheese curds. Poutine can be found in restaurants across Canada, and many offer variations that include added chicken, beef, and pulled pork.



**Natsu Matsuri**

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[http://www.jccc.on.ca/en/events/annual/natsu\\_matsuri.php](http://www.jccc.on.ca/en/events/annual/natsu_matsuri.php)

**POW-WOW'S In Ontario**

For decades, First Nations have gathered to renew friendships, and celebrate with songs, dance and storytelling. This is called a Pow-Wow. Many are open to the public. This can be a very interesting way to spend a summer day. More information can be found at...

<http://www.ontariotravel.net/TCISSegmentsWeb/gn/thingsToDo/Aboriginal/PowWows.xhtml?language=en>



**Thank you to the students and their families that came rock climbing with English Matters. All of the children gave it a try, and one Mom even climbed all the way to the top and touched the roof! Well Done!!!**



**LABOUR DAY IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2014**

Labour Day in Canada is celebrated on the first Monday of September. It originally was a day when businesses closed and workers were given a chance to campaign for better working conditions or better pay. Now many Canadians see it as just a part of the last long weekend of the summer, and a last chance to take part in summer activities like camping, going to the beach and spending time with family and friends.

**AN ACT OF KINDNESS YOU MAY WANT TO TRY...**

What is an "act of kindness"? An act of kindness is doing something kind for a stranger, and expecting nothing from them in return. For example, perhaps you are standing in line at the check-out in the grocery store. The customer in front of you does not have enough money for their bill. If the amount they need is small, (maybe \$2 or \$5), an act of kindness would be to give them the money they need with no expectation that they will pay you back.

An act of kindness you may want to try can be done when you are in the drive-thru line at a Tim Horton's restaurant. When you get to the window where you pay, tell them you are travelling with the car behind you. Ask the cashier how much their bill is. If it is small, tell the cashier you would like to pay for their order too. What a nice surprise for the people in the car behind you! It is important that the cashier believes you are travelling with the other car, so they know you will find out if the cashier tells you the wrong amount for the other car's order.

**WHEN DO I GIVE A TIP, AND HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?**

In Canada it is customary to tip the server in a restaurant. The typical amount is 15% on the total bill before tax. If the service was amazing, then 20% would be appropriate. If there was something terrible with your experience in a restaurant, it is appropriate to talk to the manager about the problem, rather than penalize the server by not giving them a tip.

In hotels, it is customary to tip the parking valet, the person that carries your bags to your room. It is also appreciated if you tip the attendant that cleaned your room. Be sure you leave a note that says "thank-you" with the tip so they know the money is for them.

Tipping is also customary for other services such as hairdressers, manicurists, aestheticians and taxi drivers. A minimum of 10% is common.

Finally, when you are at a service counter, (for example, at an ice cream shop or a coffee shop), you may see a "tip jar". It is not necessary or customary to provide a tip in these cases.

**THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT**



The Niagara Escarpment is one of the world's natural wonders. It is designated as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, for its unique landform characteristics. It

contains forests, farms, recreation areas, cliffs, streams, wetlands, rolling hills, waterfalls, mineral resources, and many villages, towns and cities. It has 300 bird species, 53 kinds of mammals, 36 reptiles and amphibians, and 90 types of fish. It also has 100 varieties of special plants including 37 types of wild orchids. The black line to the left shows where the escarpment is.

**Go Hiking on the Bruce Trail:**  
<http://bruce-trail.org/pages/trail>



**Famous Quote:**

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

— John Steinbeck.