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### DID YOU KNOW?

*It is best to wait until after the "May 2-4 Long Weekend to put flowers outside. If you put them out earlier, there is still a chance they will be damaged by cold temperatures at night*

### THINGS TO SEE & DO



#### African Lion Safari

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



#### Wild Water Kingdom

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



#### Centre Island

<http://www.centreisland.ca/>



#### Toronto Japanese Film Festival

<http://jccc.on.ca/torontojiff/>

## HAPPENING IN JUNE...

### FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June. In 2014, this will be **Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>**. On this day, we show appreciation for our fathers and/or the father figures in our lives. (Father figures could include step-fathers, fathers in law, etc.). The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. It became more and more popular over time throughout North America. Many people will give their fathers a gift on this day, or make a special meal, or spend the day with family.



### FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

In the Northern Hemisphere, the June Solstice marks the first day of the Summer season. It will occur on **Saturday June 21, 2014**. The Summer Season begins on this day, but the weather may not always feel like summer. In Canada, there could still be some cool days and nights.



The June Solstice occurs when the sun reaches its northernmost point and the Earth's North Pole is tilted directly towards the sun. On this day we will experience the most hours of daylight in the year – almost 17 hours. Sunrise is at 04:36 and sunset is at 20:03!

### TASTE OF LITTLE ITALY



The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **Taste of Italy** will take place

**Friday June 13**  
6:00pm – 2:00am

**Saturday June 14**  
12:00pm-2:00 am

**Sunday June 15**  
12:00pm – 10:00pm

It takes place on College Street, in Toronto, between Bathurst & Shaw, (College St. is closed during event hours). It is an Italian festival with restaurants, shops and music on every corner. It is free and fun for all ages.

More information here:  
<http://tasteoflittleitaly.ca/>

### DID YOU KNOW?...

**Level 1 (Beginner)**  
Canada has many lakes. No country has more. There was an ice age 10,000 years ago. Most of the lakes were made by glaciers.

**Level 2 (Intermediate)**  
Canada has approximately 3 million lakes. This is more lakes than any other country in the world. An ice age 10,000 years ago created the vast majority of Canada's lakes.

**Level 3 (Advanced)**  
Canada has the most lakes of any other country in the world. There are approximately 3 million lakes in Canada, of which over 31,000 have a surface area of 3 km or more. The last glaciation was responsible for shaping the lakes of present-day Canada.

The Honda Indy will take place July 18 - 20

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



Summer Photo Album



Famous Quote:

In a world darkened by ethnic conflicts that tear nations apart, Canada stands as a model of how people of different cultures can live and work together in peace, prosperity, and mutual respect.

-- Bill Clinton

CANADA DAY IS TUESDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>!!

On July 1, 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain. It was made up of only 4 provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec. Canada is now made up of 10 provinces and 3 territories.

The anniversary of this date was called Dominion Day until 1982. Since 1983, July 1 has been officially known as Canada Day.

Canadians celebrate this day with fireworks in the evening. Most cities and towns will host community events with activities for the whole family. People often wear red and white as they are the official colours of Canada. As well, special citizenship ceremonies will take place on this day. Most businesses and organizations will be closed on this day. Be sure to check the Event Guide or newspaper in your community to see what fun activities are planned for this day in parks and public squares in your area.



Official Languages: English & French

Official Colours: Red & White

Official Tree: The Maple Tree

National Winter Sport: Hockey

National Summer Sport: Lacrosse

Canada's Motto: A mari usque ad mare (Latin for "From sea to sea".)

ONTARIO'S COTTAGE COUNTRY

During the summer, many Canadian families like to get away from their city or town and spend time at their cottage. The cottage is a second home, usually located on a lake or river, and is usually smaller than the family's city home. Families will spend weekends at their cottage, and often will take 1 or 2 weeks of vacation at their cottage.

The majority of cottages enjoyed by Toronto families are located in "Cottage Country". Cottage Country is made up of the areas of Georgian Bay, Muskoka, the Kawartha's and Lake Simcoe.

Many cottages are available for rent in the summer. This allows families to enjoy a cottage without all of the expense and work involved in owning a cottage. To find a cottage to rent, go to:

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



[Summer Day Camps & Overnight Camps](#) are a GREAT Experience for Kids. Book NOW before all the spots are filled!!!

<http://www.camps.ca/>

Find summer camps and year-round camps.

<http://www.helpwevegokids.com/toronto/listings>

A comprehensive GTA directory of summer and day camps.

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/camps>

Summer camps offered by the city of Mississauga.

<http://www.planetkids.ca/>

More camps in Mississauga.

<http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/RecreationCulture/ProgramsActivities/Camps/>

Summer camps offered by the Town of Markham.

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=a68adada600f0410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Summer camps offered by the City of Toronto.

