

Kirkland Lake Homecoming Week Schedule Unveiled:

The Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee has released an updated schedule of events for their award-winning Homecoming Week celebration. Several new events have been added for this summer's festivities scheduled for June 25-July 1.

On opening night of Homecoming, Northern College will host a comedy night featuring comedians performing live at a licensed event in the cafeteria on Tuesday, June 25. Tickets are \$20 at Northern College or Billy's.

There will be a free kids zone downtown on Wednesday, June 26 featuring free inflatables for children 10 and under plus live music at Rotary Park. The Save The Lasalle initiative will also launch their campaign with an event that same evening.

A new skateboard, bmx and scooter competition will take place on Sunday, June 30 at Kirkland Lake's Extreme Park at the complex. The event is being co-hosted by industry specialists from the Howey Bros in New Liskeard and Northern Sports in Timmins.

The extreme sports competition will include divisions for various skill levels and three different age groups: 10 and under, 11-14 years and an open division. The

event is being offered free with plenty of prizes.

A new ATV and UTV poker run will take place on June 30 at the legion. Wells ATV and Snowmobile Academy is hosting the event that will include a roll of the dice rather than the traditional poker hand.

Other new events include a free bike rally for cyclists on Saturday, June 29th. The community ride is being hosted by the Share The Road organization and will begin at the complex that afternoon.

The Festivals Committee has also organized a local food fair with their sponsoring restaurants. Nightly homecoming specials will be offered throughout the festival at Billy's, The Fed and Mama's.

The free Canada Day celebrations at Civic return with a new title sponsor. Kirkland Lake Gold is now presenting the free event that features live music, free kids inflatables, a beer gardens, food concessions plus fireworks at dusk.

Free kids matinees are being presented by Kal Tire at Hockey Heritage North. This summer's line-up will include Escape From Planet Earth, Wreck-it Ralph and Rise Of The Guardians.

On Saturday, June 30, the Kirkland Lake Aquatic Club is holding a teen dance at KLDCS to celebrate the end of the school year. From 6:30-8:30 it will be

grades 4-6 then from 9-11 pm, grades 7-10 will have their own dance.

Toburn's Day in the Park will be held on Saturday, June 29 and includes guided tours, gold panning, live music, art sale, book sale and mineral sale plus the unveiling of the commemorative mining plaque.

Hockey Heritage North and The Museum of Northern History are offering guided tours of their facilities beginning at 11 am each day during Homecoming Week.

Extendicare's Homecoming bbq is set for June 27 with live music by Rene Boudreault and Dave Rogers. The Dixie North Swing Band will perform a free outdoor concert downtown in Rotary Park the afternoon of Friday, June 28.

There will also be golf tournaments, splash park games, a free family swim at the complex plus a homecoming breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League.

The biggest attraction of Homecoming Week will be the previously announced live concerts at the complex, which have become major events attracting an enormous number of visitors to Kirkland Lake.

The Festivals Committee announced that tickets for the three nights of concerts this summer have already

surpassed last year's record-breaking attendance at the arena at the complex.

Hedley will perform two concerts at the complex on June 27 and June 28 with special guests Suzie McNeil and Eleven Past One. The Friday night show is sold out, but remaining tickets for Thursday are \$60.

Blue Rodeo will headline the Saturday, June 29 concert at the complex with special guests David Usher and the Devin Cuddy Band. Tickets are \$50 and are also available as part of a \$100 package with the June 27th Hedley show.

Concert tickets are available at reception at the complex or online at www.klfestivals.com. A complete schedule of events for Kirkland Lake Homecoming Week is available on the website as well.

In addition to their 70-plus annual corporate sponsors, The Festivals Committee received financial assistance from the Celebrate Ontario program to help fund this summer's Homecoming Week festivities.