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LAST WEEKEND OF FESTIVITIES FOR FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR

ST.BONIFACE, February 23, 2012 – Festival du Voyageur is looking forward to a second weekend full of activities at all its official sites. Get ready for a weekend filled with music, flavors and history!

THEME NIGHTS

Voyageur Park reopens to the public tonight for the **Petit Canada Night presented by Conseil Jeunesse Provincial**. This night specially programmed for the youth will feature various musical acts from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. **Cajun Night presented by Club Regent Casino**, is taking place tonight at the Voyageur Trading Post (Centre culturel franco-manitobain, 340 Provencher Blvd.) starting at 7:30 p.m. This popular show will feature **Roddie Romero and the Hub-City All Stars** from Louisiana. Cajun food will also be served on site by Le Garage Café.

EXCEPTIONAL COMPETITIONS

The **Beard Growing Contest** celebrates its 30th edition at the Voyageur Trading Post on Friday night. Come see the nicest beards out of the four categories (voyageur, festival, novelty, and media). The **41st Jigging and Fiddling Contest** will be held on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26 respectively at the Voyageur Trading Post. Come see participants of all ages demonstrate their musical talent on stage!

Festival-goers can also watch their favourite mascots compete in fun challenges at the **Mascot Challenge**. This popular family activity happens this Saturday at 3 p.m. in Voyageur Park. Another awaited competition, **Rendez-Vous des Chefs (Pea-Soup Cook-Off) presented by Dempster's Bagels** will take place at Maison du Bourgeois this Sunday, February 26, starting at 1 p.m. Taste the pea soup creations of six Winnipeg restaurants and vote for your favourite recipe!

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF VOYAGEUR PARK

This weekend, music is at the heart of the festivities in Voyageur Park. Visit the five tents open to the public and discover spectacular artists such as **Don Amero, Jerry Sereda, Isabeau et les chercheurs d'or, George Belliveau, and Pierre Freynet**. Taste our famous **maple taffy** at our new walk-through station attached to the Caisse Financial Group Cabane à sucre. To the delight of many visitors, the notorious **Beaver Tails** are making a comeback this year. Another public favourite, the **Red River Skirmish**, will take place on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Fort Gibraltar. The third edition of **DJ Night** will be held on Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Pambian Tent.

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THE PARTY CONTINUES AT THE OFFICIAL SITES

The official sites will present varied programming all weekend long. At the **Voyageur Trading Post**, the **Louis Boys** will celebrate their 40th anniversary at the Canot theme night on Saturday. The **Pionniers Trading Post** presents two dinners with musical entertainment, please call 233-ALLÔ for more information. **L'Auberge du Violon** will host three theme nights with guest fiddlers from Thursday to Saturday. **Club St-B** presents the Voyageur Games Playoffs on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. Finally, **King's Head Pub** and **Garage Café** offer late night shows as **Club Regent Casino**, and **La Broquerie Hotel** welcomes visitors all weekend.

Festival du Voyageur will officially come to a close at the **Closing Ceremony** this Sunday at 4:45 in the MTS Rivière-Rouge Tent. For additional information regarding Festival du Voyageur, visit our website at www.heho.ca, call 233-ALLÔ, or pick up a copy of the official guide available at Safeway Stores. For all the latest news, like our [Facebook page](#) or follow our [Twitter account](#).

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Hours of operation of Voyageur Park:

Thursday, February 23 – 7 pm to 11 pm

Friday, February 24 – 5 pm to midnight

Saturday, February 25 – 10 am to midnight

Admission:

Adult day pass - \$13

Adult 10-day pass - \$22

Youth pass (6 to 17 years old) - \$7

5 and under - Free

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