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A SCHOOL BREAK WEEK “PLAINLY” FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES ON THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM

Québec, February 24, 2009 – From next February 28 to March 8, 2009, there will be something for everyone on the Plains of Abraham. Enjoy a fun filled school break complete with an entire range of pleasurable activities. Whether you are a history buff or delight in sports or outdoor activities, the National Battlefields Commission promises you an entire week of “plainly” entertaining activities.

Outdoor Activities

RALLY IN THE PARK



Are you curious and daring? With your family, participate in the Plains of Abraham winter pedestrian rally. Set off for an adventure and discover the legends and mysteries that abound in this story filled historic park.

Solve the riddles: Where does the name “Plains of Abraham” come from? Why does Joan of Arc have a garden all to herself? What were the two Martello towers standing in the park used for? Is it true that they contain a haunted labyrinth? Who was Edwin Bélanger? To whom do we owe the name Gilmour Hill? You will learn the answers to all these questions and even more.

On week days, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; on Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Departure point is at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham.

Questionnaires and answer sheets are available on the site. Free of charge.

WINTER SPORTS

Treat yourself to nature in the heart of Québec City. Come and ski, snowshoe or walk, entirely free of charge, amid this delightful landscape offering an unrestricted view of the St. Lawrence River. In this lovely setting, beginner or intermediate skiers can practise their favourite activity over 12.6-km of trails (marked for cross-country skiing and skate skiing). As for snowshoeing enthusiasts, they get a chance to travel a 3.8-km course (round trip) along Cap Diamant, from the Cap Blanc stairs to Gilmour Hill. A 5.6-km walking path is also available.

Two heated rest stops are also provided for sports enthusiasts: one is located at the Discovery Pavilion near Drill Hall (the Manège Militaire), the other at the pavilion (near the Edwin-Bélanger Bandstand).

What if don't have any skis or snowshoes? Then, go to the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham, where the *Friends of the Plains of Abraham* Society offers an equipment rental service.



Trail conditions (any time): 418 648-4212

Ski and snowshoe rentals: 418 648-2586

or at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham

from February 28 to March 8, 2009: everyday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indoor Activities

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION



From the Warpath to the
Plains of Abraham

<http://1759.ccbn-nbc.gc.ca>

Freely accessible via the Internet, the **1759** virtual exhibition will let you relive the Battle of the Plains of Abraham and the preparations which led up to it. Side by side with the French, British, Canadian and Amerindian troops, you will experience the crucial stages of the confrontation. Fill out a registration card to enrol, print the real declaration of war drafted by the French, listen to the generals' comments, discover what soldiers did in their leisure time and what they ate... Three hours or so of discoveries, and a chance to take part in 67 different activities.

Everyday.

Free of charge.

ODYSSEY MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION

Embark on the journey with, at your side, the great characters that helped shape our history. Witness the birth of New France (when the French dream was alive with the city's founder, Samuel de Champlain). Immerse yourself in the turmoil of the great battles of Québec with the Marquis de Montcalm and James Wolfe: a memorable foray into the battle of the Plains of Abraham, a conflict that pitted England and France against each other in the midst of a world wide conflict. Admire the uniforms and discover military life as it was in 1759-1760: over 20 flamboyant regimental uniforms, accurate representations of the soldiers' garb during that period.



Everyday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham.

Fee: half off

(regular fees: \$8 / adult, \$7 / 13-17 years old or 65 years or older).

Free for children aged 12 or under, accompanied by an adult.

250 YEARS

BATTLES OF THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM
1759 – 1760



**DISCOVERY
PAVILION**
OF THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM

835, Wilfrid-Laurier Avenue, level 0, Québec City
(same address as the tourism information bureau)

Information: 418 649-6157

www.theplainsofabraham.ca

Paid parking in the back and space available to eat indoors (bring a snack).

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