



Media Release

Calling Wannabe Palaeontologists

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WEMBLEY, AB – A summer-long festival offering something for dinosaur lovers of all ages begins Saturday

Palaeo-Palooza is a series of events geared to celebrating the area's natural history and helping residents and visitors discover how it has shaped the region as we know it. The festival is set for July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 21 between 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Each day focuses on a different natural theme.

“Our patrons have a great thirst for understanding more about how this region has evolved from 73 million years ago when it was a lush forest not far from the sea and home to dozens of species of dinosaurs,” says Executive Director Linden Roberts. “Palaeo-Palooza offers fun and learning for the whole family with guest speakers, activities, crafts, and bonebed visits.”

Activities are scheduled at the museum and outdoor locations within the region. Festival admission can be purchased online or at the museum for individual days. Participants attending all four events can win a prize! Ticket information and event details can be found at www.dinomuseum.ca

Enquiries can be made at visitorservices@dinomuseum.ca or by calling 587-771-0662.

Slate of Events

Water World – July 17 – Visitors can hunt for and learn about water critters, attend the opening of the Burgess Shale Exhibit, hear guest speaker Rick Scott, crafts and more.

High in the Sky – July 31 – visitors can discover more about amazing flying creatures. This Palaeo-Palooza event will feature pterosaur kites and crafts, an introduction to bird watching, and a presentation by Dr. Corwin Sullivan, Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Curator and Associate Professor at the University of Alberta.

Down to Earth – August 14 – Guests can follow in the footsteps of the amazing creatures that have walked the ground in this area with activities, exploring dinosaur tracks and fossils.

Fired Up – August 21 – This event allows guests to end the summer with a bang! Learn about volcanoes, watch a big volcano erupt, build your own, hunt dinosaurs, enjoy a barbecue lunch at Pipestone Creek, and take in a demonstration at the Bonebed by local palaeontologist Matthew Vavrek.

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum – a 41,000 square foot world-class facility named for Canada’s preeminent palaeontologist and highlighting the rich fossil resources of Northern Alberta – opened its doors to the public on September 26, 2015. It is Canada’s second devoted dinosaur museum, and is located 19 kilometres west of the City of Grande Prairie in the Town of Wembley.

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