



Festival du Voyageur



# ACTIVITY GUIDE

## CANADA LIFE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Winter 2024

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# INTRODUCTION

**Festival du Voyageur recognizes the role the fur trade played in the colonization of these lands and the impact it has had on Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge that this festival takes place on Treaty 1 territory, the lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree) and Dakota peoples and the Homeland of the Red River Métis.**

The Canada Life School Program gives students a chance to engage with the cultures, stories, and languages of our ancestors. This year, we are offering a hybrid program comprised of in-school craft programs for your classroom, 2 days of virtual livestreams at Fort Gibraltar, and of course, interactive demonstrations, plays, concerts, outdoor sports, dance workshops, and many free activities for all students to enjoy in-person at Parc du Voyageur.

We continue to work with Indigenous partners and educators to improve upon our existing programming. As such, we recognize that requiring Indigenous partners and artists to speak French and/or English can be a painful reminder of Canada's colonial past. In the spirit of reconciliation, we will not require Indigenous performers to speak French or English, but we will provide translation into those languages where necessary.

## HÉHO!

# REGISTRATION PROCESS

**Registering for the school program is easy! Keep the following information in mind when planning your class's outing.**

- All programming on Friday, February 16 and Wednesday, February 21 will be presented **in French**. Programs delivered by Indigenous partners on French days will be translated into French. Please note that programming offered on Tuesday, February 20; Thursday, February 22; and Friday, February 23 are presented **in English**.
- Schools must book a minimum of one (1) paid activity.
- All school groups attending a full-day will be scheduled into a lunch time slot.
- Transportation costs are the sole responsibility of the visiting school group.
- All programs will operate even in extreme weather conditions. As such no refunds will be given due to school or divisional cancellation policies.

## **1. Choose your programs!**

Take a look at this program guide in order to plan your Festival du Voyageur school program experience.

## **2. Fill out the registration form.**

The online registration form can be found **here**. All required fields must be filled out for your form to be considered admissible.

Reservations will be accepted as of **October 20, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.** Any forms received before this date and time will not be accepted. Last date for registration is **January 22, 2024**.

# REGISTRATION PROCESS

### 3. State any special needs and comments on the reservation form.

We want all students to have an awesome day at Festival du Voyageur. Please be as specific as possible when explaining the special needs of your students.

### 4. Submit your registration form via email.

All reservation forms must be submitted to [reservations@heho.ca](mailto:reservations@heho.ca).

### 5. We will reply to your registration form within three business days.

This reply will confirm that we have received your form and are currently working on your schedule.

### 6. When Festival du Voyageur receives your form:

Based upon your registration form, the School Program Coordinator will schedule the students' day. If your choices are not available, the School Program Coordinator will suggest alternatives by email and/or telephone.

Booking and cancellation policy: [click here](#).

**Remember: the last date to register, cancel, or make changes to your registration is January 22, 2024.**

**All payments must be made to Festival du Voyageur Inc. by February 9, 2024.**

# WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

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The Bonhomme Gigueur	8				●	●	●						
Woven in Time: Sash-Weaving	8					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Métis Beadwork	9							●	●	●	●	●	●
Voyageur Pastimes: 9 Men's Morris	9			●	●	●	●	●	●				
A Voyageur's Life in the Winterer's Cabin	11			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Kinship Ties and the Fur Trade	11			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bearing Tales of the Voyageurs	13	●	●	●	●								
Little Monsters Dance : Lunch Concert	13	●	●	●	●	●							
Whittier Park Sleigh Rides	14	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Three Little Steps	14			●	●	●	●						
Homeland of the Red River Métis	15					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fort Gibraltar (grades 2-5)	15		●	●	●	●							
Walking Wolf Singers	15			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Festival Fur Auction	16						●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Allies in the Fur Trade	16				●	●	●						
Winter Wonders	16					●	●	●	●				
Indigenous Drumming Workshop	17			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Indigenous Storytelling	17			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
The Maple Forest	18	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
A Bourgeois' Business	18				●	●	●	●	●				
Fort Gibraltar (grades 6-12)	19						●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Concours des meilleurs	19						●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Swing Your Partner!	20						●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ça Claque : Lunch Concert	20					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
On the Snowshoe Trail	21							●	●	●	●	●	●

# CRAFT PROGRAMS

## **Cost:**

**\$5.00 (+GST)** per kit. One kit per student.

Have you ever wanted to bring a Festival du Voyageur craft experience to your classroom? We are offering 4 craft workshops for your students in class. When you choose to book one of these workshops, let us know how many individual kits you need (minimum of 10 kits per order) and we'll provide the rest! These kits will be available from **January 8th until February 9th, 2024**. You can arrange to pick up the craft kits at our office at 233 Provencher Boulevard. If you can't pick them up, the kits will be sent via Canada Post and additional postage fees will apply.

## **Each program contains the following:**

- The requested amount of craft kits.
- An activity e-booklet with 3 preparation activities and 3 reflection activities.
- An instructional video led by a teacher and expert in their craft.

A password protected link (and specific password for your activity) to our bilingual online portal containing the videos, activity booklets, and supplementary materials will be sent to the organizing teacher upon payment. The online portal will be accessible on January 8th.

# CRAFT PROGRAM

## The Bonhomme Gigueur and Franco-Canadian Music

### Students will:

- Create their very own jigging voyageur doll
- Explore traditional Franco-Canadian music and gain an appreciation for the rhythm and timing of these classic tunes
- Explore the use of simple building tools
- Compare Euro-Canadian and Indigenous dancing styles

**Please note:** all components of the craft are provided, but teachers must provide the assembly tools.



Social Sciences



Visual Arts



Music and Dance

Grades: 4-6

**SOLD OUT**

## Woven In Time: Sash-Weaving

### Students will:

- Learn how to finger-weave by creating their own bracelet or bookmark
- Discover the techniques and history that created the iconic symbol of Franco-Canadian and Métis culture: the ceinture fléchée
- Gain an appreciation of different weaving techniques used around the world
- Explore the historic uses of the ceinture fléchée



Social Sciences



Visual Arts



Indigenous

Grades: 5-12

# CRAFT PROGRAM

## Métis Beadwork: A Manitoba Tradition

### Students will:

- Learn the basic techniques of Métis beading
- Make their own beaded patches, based on a pattern developed by local Métis beadwork artist, Jennine Krauchi
- Gain an appreciation for the beautiful artworks of Indigenous people, past and present
- Explore the local arts community and engage with this living art form



Social Sciences



Visual Arts



Music and Dance



Indigenous

Grades: 7-12

**SOLD OUT**

\*We strongly recommend breaking up beadwork sessions over a couple of days. Beadwork can be very frustrating for those who have never sewn before, and we want your students to finish their projects and be satisfied with their work!

## Voyageur Pastimes: 9 Men's Morris

### Students will:

- Create their own 9 Men's Morris gameboard using the materials provided
- Learn about the importance of games, pastimes, and play in 19th century Manitoba.
- Acquire problem solving and strategy game skills
- Study examples of games from museum collections



Social Sciences

**SOLD OUT**

Mathematics

Grades: 3-8

# FORT GIBRALTAR LIVE!

Explore the Fort Gibraltar's history by meeting some of its residents as they show you their work and tell you about fur trade life in 1815. These presentations are live and will be followed by a question period. These sessions must be reserved in advance, and each program will be available in both languages on one day only. Please note that multiple schools will be able to attend the same presentation, just like at Parc du Voyageur!

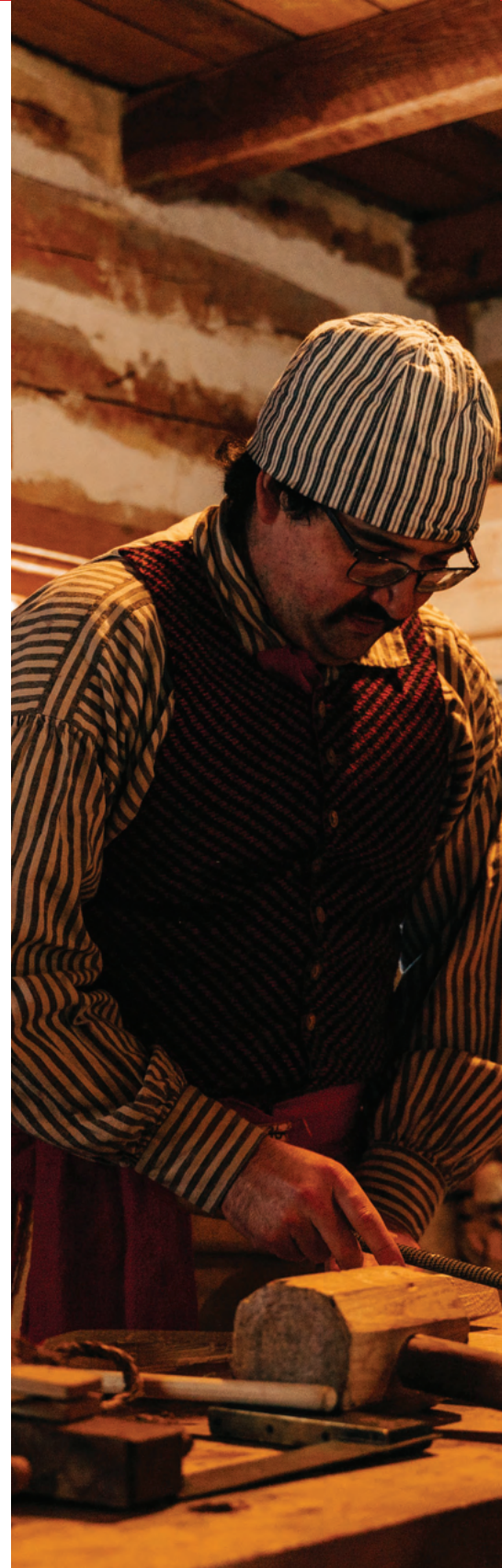
## Cost :

**\$100+GST** per class (max 30 participants) for one presentation; other classes from the same school may participate in **the same presentation** for an additional **\$40+GST** per class.

## Presentations will include:

- A secure Zoom link.
- An activity e-booklet with 3 preparation activities and 3 reflection activities

A password protected link to our bilingual online portal containing the activity booklets and supplementary materials will be sent to the organizing teacher upon payment.



# FORT GIBRALTAR LIVE!

## *A Voyageur's Life – February 12th, 2024*

In this virtual presentation, your students will learn about the social lives of voyageurs, what they hope to get out of working for the North West Company, and more.

**Times:**  
9:15 – English  
10:15 – French  
11:15 – English  
13:15 – French  
14:15 – English



**Social Sciences**



**Francophone**



**Commerce**

**Grades: 3-12**

**Length: 40 minutes** (30-minute presentation, followed by a 10-minute question period)

## *Kinship Ties and the Fur Trade – February 13th, 2024*

At the heart of the fur trade is the relationship between Indigenous peoples and Euro-Canadian communities. Students will learn from both perspectives of the fur trading equation, supply and demand for furs, trade goods and provisions.

**Times:**  
9:15 – English  
10:15 – French  
11:15 – English  
13:15 – French  
14:15 – English



**Social Sciences**



**Commerce**



**Indigenous**

**Length: 40 minutes** (30-minute presentation, followed by a 10-minute question period)

**Grades: 3-12**

# PROGRAMS AT PARC DU VOYAGEUR

## Costs for Students and Chaperones

### Cost for students

There is a base registration fee of **\$6.50 per student**. The cost of individual workshops varies between \$3.00 and \$4.00. GST is applicable to all registration fees. For example, the cost of one student's visit might look like this:

$\$6.50(\text{base fee}) + \$3.00(\text{A Bourgeois' Business}) + \$3.50(\text{Whittier Park Sleigh Ride}) = \mathbf{\$13.00 + GST}$

The base registration fee provides supervised lunch spots, operating costs of free activities and safe outdoor spaces. In addition, every student receives a code that can be redeemed for a day pass to the public program of the Festival du Voyageur! This code will be sent to teachers prior to your outing.

### Cost for Chaperones and Extra Teachers

A maximum of one chaperone for every 10 students (1:10) is allowed access with the group at no extra charge. All educational assistants enter the park at no charge, so be sure indicate the number on the registration form.

***Any additional chaperones over the allotted number will be charged \$12.***

*Festival du Voyageur will not be held responsible for any theft or loss of items that may occur while visiting Parc du Voyageur. All programs will operate even in extreme weather conditions. As such, no refunds will be given due to school or divisional cancellation policies.*

**Voyageur Park is closed to the general public during the Canada Life School Program to protect the safety of students.**



## Bearing Tales of the Voyageurs

### Students will:

- Learn a voyageur song.
- Participate in a voyageur clothing demonstration.
- Participate in a workshop about a voyageur's lifestyle.



**Social Sciences**



**Music and dance**



**Francophone**

**Grades: 1-4**  
**Length: 30 mins**

**Capacity: 100**

**Cost: \$3.00**

**Times: 9:45; 10:30, 12:45, 13:30**

## LUNCHTIME CONCERT! Little Monsters Dance Wpg

We are a bilingual dance company that empowers youth, teens, and adults by giving them a platform to explore hip-hop and Breakdancing in French and English. Our classes are energetic, dynamic, and facilitated by passionate dance instructors.

### Join The Movement!

**Website:** [www.littlemonstersdance.com](http://www.littlemonstersdance.com)

Note: This concert takes place during the lunch slot.



**Music and dance**



**Physical activity**

**Capacity: 200**

**Cost: \$3.00**

**Times: 11:30; 12:30**

Lunch slot is 10 minutes followed by a 30-minute show.

**Grades: 1-5**  
**Length: 40 mins**



## Whittier Park Sleigh Rides

### Students will:

- Take a horse-drawn sleigh or wagon-ride through Whittier Park
- Sing a traditional Franco-Canadian song
- Enjoy an urban park in all its winter splendour

**Capacity:** 30

**Cost:** \$3.50

### Times:

**Grades 1-6/** 9:55; 10:30; 11:05; 11:40; 12:15; 12:50; 13:25; 14:00

**Grades 7-12/** 9:45; 10:20; 10:55; 11:30; 12:05; 12:40; 13:15; 13:50



**Social Sciences**



**Outdoors**

**Grades: 1-12**  
**Length: 20 mins**

## Three Little Steps (presented with Ensemble folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge)

### Students will:

- Let the talented dancers from the Ensemble Folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge demonstrate traditional French Canadian dance
- Try rousing promenades and dos à dos, familiar steps of our memères and pepères!
- Gain an appreciation for the social traditions of Manitoba's Francophone past



**Social Sciences**



**Music and dance**



**Francophone**

**Capacity:** 90

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Time:** 9:45

**Website:** [ccfm.mb.ca](http://ccfm.mb.ca)

**Grades: 3-6**  
**Length: 40 mins**

## Homeland of the Red River Métis

In this interactive play students will learn about the deep roots of the Red River Métis Nation.

### Students will:

- Encounter important figures in Red River Métis history
- Learn about four key events that shaped the Red River Métis
- Discover how events in the past can shape current communities



**Social Sciences**



**Indigenous**

**Grades: 5-12**  
**Length: 40 mins**

**Capacity:** 150

**Cost:** \$3.50

**Time:** 10:30; 13:30

## Fort Gibraltar (Grades 2-5)

### Students will:

- Meet the blacksmith at his anvil
- Learn from the carpenter at his workbench
- Observe the clerk with their furs and goods
- Warm up by the campfire with the labourers



**Social Sciences**



**Francophone**



**Natural Science**



**Indigenous**



**Commerce**

**Grades: 2-5**  
**Length: 60 mins**

**Capacity:** 100

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Times:** 9:45; 11:00; 12:30; 13:40

## Walking Wolf Singers

Walking Wolf has been entertaining and educating people for over 25 years in the songs and dances of First Nations. You can expect to not only be entertained but learn about the songs and dances with the stories behind them.



**Social Sciences**



**Music and dance**



**Indigenous**

**Grades: 3-12**  
**Length: 40 mins**

**Capacity:** 600

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Time:** 10:15

## Festival Fur Auction

### Students will:

- Explore the modern fur trade by becoming a fur buyer
- Participate in a fur auction by evaluating real furs and negotiating with our animators
- Reflect on the economic relationship between trappers and buyers



**Social Sciences**



**Commerce**



**Natural Sciences**

**Capacity:** 50

**Cost:** \$3.00

**Times:** 10:45; 12:50

**Grades: 6-12**  
**Length: 40 mins**

## Allies in the Fur Trade

### Students will:

- Examine how kinship ties between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities led to mutually beneficial commercial arrangements
- Discover fur trade artifacts
- Play a card game that demonstrates fur trade era relationship building



**Social Sciences**



**Indigenous**

**Capacity:** 80

**Cost:** \$3.00

**Times:** 9:45

**Grades: 4-6**  
**Length: 40 mins**

## Winter Wonders

(presented by Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre)

### With the assistance of live wildlife ambassadors, students will:

- Examine hibernation, migration and other adaptation strategies in animals who stick around in the winter.
- Join Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre and their animal ambassadors for an in-depth look at how wildlife adapts to deal with the cold months of winter.



**Social Sciences**



**Natural Sciences**

**Capacity:** 60

**Cost:** \$3.50

**Times:** 10:00; 13:20

**Website:** [pwildlife.ca](http://pwildlife.ca)

**Grades: 5-8**  
**Length: 35 mins**



## Indigenous Drumming Workshop

(presented by Summer Bear Dance Troupe)

Drum with members of the Summer Bear Dance Troupe, led by their traditional drum carrier.

### Students will:

- Experience the heartbeat of our nations, hear the songs, feel the energy and learn to sing, drum and dance.
- Have a positive learning experience with the opportunity to access a number of hand drums and a traditional drum.



Music and dance



Indigenous

**Capacity:** 200

**Cost:** \$3.50

**Times:**

Grades 3-6 / 12:30

Grades 7-12 / 13:30

**Grades: 3-12**  
**Length: 40 mins**

## Indigenous Storytelling

### In this new workshop, students will:

- Hear a story from an Indigenous storyteller.
- Reflect on the cultural background of the storyteller.
- Learn about the importance of oral histories.



Social sciences



Indigenous

**Capacity:** 60

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Times:**

Grades 3-6 / 11:00

Grades 7-12 / 12:15

**Grades: 3-12**  
**Length: 40 mins**

\*We are working with several storytellers from different communities, so the storyteller will vary depending on the day you attend.



## The Maple Forest (presented with St-Pierre-Jolys Museum)

### Students will:

- Hear the story of Ininaatig, the maple tree, in an Anishinaabe story of thanksgiving
- Watch a demonstration of maple sugaring with traditional tools
- Head over to the sugar shack for some tasty taffy on snow!

\*The workshop takes 15 minutes. Please set aside up to 20 minutes to get taffy in the Sugar Shack **immediately AFTER** your workshop.



Social Sciences



Francophone



Natural Sciences



Indigenous

**Grades: 1-12**  
**Length: 35 mins**

**Capacity:** 40

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Times:**

**Grades 1-5 /** 9:50; 10:05; 10:20; 10:35; 10:50; 11:05; 12:00; 12:15; 12:30; 12:45; 13:00; 13:15; 13:30; 13:45

**Grades 6-12 /** 9:45; 10:00; 10:15; 10:30; 10:45; 11:00; 11:15; 11:30; 12:25; 12:40; 12:55; 13:10; 13:25; 13:40

## A Bourgeois' Business

### Students will:

- Meet the proprietor or, bourgeois, of Fort Gibraltar
- Learn about the elite members of fur trade society at Red River and the tactics they used to stay on top of the business world
- Participate in a partners' meeting and plan for the future of the great North-West Company!



Social Sciences



Commerce

**Grades: 4-8**  
**Length: 40 mins**

**Capacity:** 50

**Cost:** \$3.00

**Times:** 9:45; 11:45; 13:45



## Fort Gibraltar (grades 6-12)

### Students will:

- Watch as the bourgeois' bodyguard demonstrates how to fire a flintlock musket
- Keep an eye out for HBC spies with the lookout
- Warm up with our jolly wintering voyageurs in their toasty cabin
- Learn how to pack bails and ship goods with our hard-working labourers in the warehouse



**Social Sciences**



**Indigenous**



**Francophone**



**Commerce**



**Natural Sciences**

**Capacity:** 100

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Times:** 9:45; 11:00;  
12:30; 13:40

**Grades: 6-12**  
**Length: 60 mins**

## Concours des meilleurs

### Students will:

- Compete in a friendly round of voyageur games between schools
- Participate in physical, mental, and light-hearted activities



**Social Sciences**



**Physical Education**



**Outdoors**

**Grades: 6-12**  
**Length: 20 mins**

**Capacity:** Individual classes (20-30)

**Cost:** \$3.00

**Times:** 9:45; 10:10; 10:40; 11:10; 11:40; 12:40;  
13:10; 13:40; 14:10



## Swing Your Partner! (presented by Ensemble folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge)

### The students will:

- Let the talented dancers from the Ensemble Folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge demonstrate traditional French-Canadian dances
- Try rousing promenades and dos à dos, familiar steps of their mémères and pépères!
- Gain an appreciation for the social traditions of Manitoba's Francophone past



**Music and Dance**



**Francophone**

**Capacity:** 90

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Time:** 10:45

**Grades: 6-12**  
**Length: 40 mins**

**Website:** [ccfm.mb.ca](http://ccfm.mb.ca)

## LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Ça Claque!

Composed of Franco-Manitoban and Métis artists, **Ça Claque!** features exciting and diverse entertainment that will keep you captivated from the first note of the fiddle to the last step of gigue.

Get ready to clap your hands and tap your feet to the high-energy performances of **Ça Claque!** Feel the rhythm, experience 'la joie de vivre', and discover French Canadian and Métis folklore – traditional as well as contemporary – through music and dance.



**Music and Dance**



**Francophone**

**Capacity:** 650

**Cost:** \$4.00

**Times:** 11:15; 12:30

**Grades: 5-12**  
**Length: 40 mins**

Please note: This program is a lunchtime show and that this venue has stadium/riser seating and not picnic benches.

**Website:** <https://www.caclaque.com>



## On the Snowshoe Trail

### Students will:

- Learn how this First Nations technology was adapted for the fur trade with a series of demonstrations.
- Strap on their snowshoes and get on a trail on the bank of the Red River!

**Warning: Wear boots! Fuzzy slippers are not appropriate snowshoeing footwear!**



**Social Sciences**



**Indigenous**



**Natural Sciences**



**Outdoors**

**Capacity:** 25

**Cost:** \$3.00

**Times:** 9:45; 10:30; 11:45; 12:30; 13:15

**Grades: 7-12**  
**Length: 35 mins**



# FREE ACTIVITIES



Located in Park du Voyageur, these activities are available to participants registered for the Canada Life School Program only. Not all activities will be available at all times, but we'll do our best (volunteers need lunches too!). Please see the Canada Life School Program Parc du Voyageur map (provided in your visit kit) for the locations of the following activities:

## **Sugar Shack – Warm-up Tent**

**Opening hours: 9:15 to 14:50**

**Activities:** Face painting, festival fur tables, voyageur show and tell, voyageur dress-up station

**Crafts:** Macramé bracelets, paper beads, and voyageur post cards, fur trade figurines

**Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre-** Animal ambassador encounter at 11:30-12:30

## **Winterers Playground!**

**Opening Hours: 9:15 to 15:00**

This playground offers tobogganing, voyageur games, pick up hockey, Imagination Playground and more.

# AROUND PARC DU VOYAGEUR

## **Food Vendors - All throughout Parc du Voyageur!**

Everything from poutine to tourtière and beyond!

Vendors will be announced in January. Please be aware of lineups at lunchtime.

## **Souvenirs (entrance tent)**

Festival du Voyageur Merchandise can be found here, as well as items by Etchiboy. Alternately, you can order merch in bulk from us directly. The order form will be sent out before the winter break and a reminder will be sent out in mid-January.

## **International Snow Sculpture Symposium**

The snow sculptures are works of art created by internationally renowned artists. Please respect these works of art and refrain from touching and climbing the sculptures!



# HÉHO!

For all questions, contact us by email at [reservations@heho.ca](mailto:reservations@heho.ca).

Immerse yourself in Winnipeg’s vibrant past with “Histoire cachée – In Plain Sight,” a groundbreaking multilingual AR audio tour app! Delve into St. Boniface’s rich and diverse history at your own pace, experiencing stunning visuals in Augmented Reality and engaging oral stories in French, English, and French M echif.

Discover the dramatic moments that shaped the community’s past, such as mail carrier Elz ar Goulet’s heart-pounding chase from Wolseley’s men; step into the lively world of M etis homesteads and join gatherings of voyageurs and their families. Learn about the generational impact of the residential school system as you hear the stories of those who were affected by this dark chapter in Canadian history.

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to embark on an unforgettable journey through time with “Histoire cach e – In Plain Sight.” Begin your interactive mixed reality walkthrough at St. Boniface today!

