



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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Nanaimo Museum Spring Break Family Activities

Nanaimo - Families can enjoy two week of activities at the Nanaimo Museum during spring break. Popular heritage drop-in programs, self-guided tours and the new *Night at the Museum* event will help keep kids busy. The activities are designed for children ages 5-12 years to participate in, along with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Admission is by donation to the Nanaimo Museum.

"We've expanded our spring break schedule to coincide with School District 68's two week long holiday," says Aimee Greenaway, Interpretation Curator. "We've added new programs to our popular annual heritage drop-in programs to allow more flexibility for families." One of the new programs is *Night at the Museum* on Tuesdays, March 15 and 22 from 5:30-7:00. "We are hosting two evening events so that parents who are at work during the day have an opportunity to participate in spring break activities with their children." *Night at the Museum* includes lantern tours through the coal mine in the dark and other hands-on activities. There are also self-guided *Family Discovery* tours on Monday, March 14, Friday, March 18 and Monday March 21. These tours are from 10am-4pm.

The popular drop-in heritage programs are from 1pm-4pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The hands-on activities are designed for children in elementary school but each day will have one activity suitable for preschool aged children. Each afternoon has a different theme with related activities: Wednesday, March 16th is *Chinatown*, Wednesday, March 17 is *Coal Miner*, Wednesday, March 23 is *Space* and Thursday, March 24 is *Vikings*.

All activities are available on a drop-in basis. Allow at least one hour for children to complete activities. Caregivers must be present at all times during the programs and museum visits. There is no pre-registration. Admission is by donation, which includes the day's spring break activities and museum visit. This event is part of Festival Nanaimo. The Nanaimo Museum is open Monday-Saturday from 10-5 and closed on Good Friday, March 25.

For more details please visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca, email program@nanaimomuseum.ca or call 250 753-1821. The Nanaimo Museum is in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, beside Serious Coffee.

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