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Promoting opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French

NEWS

L'ete, c'est magique CPF NOVA SCOTIA SUMMER CAMPS

Are you looking for something fun, exciting and French for your kids to do this summer? Canadian Parents for French offers a wide variety of French summer camps from coast to coast to help your child learn French - while having fun.

In Nova Scotia, the camp season starts off in June with chapter camps organized by CPF Port Hawkesbury and CPF Sydney. CPF Sydney's camp will take place at Camp MacLeod from June 21-27. Port Hawkesbury's camp information will be posted at a later date. *For information on these camps, please contact CPF Port Hawkesbury and CPF Sydney.*

In July, campers have two choices for travelling outside the province. The **FrancoForum** is an international camp that takes place on the french island of St.Pierre. This unique opportunity allows students to experience European culture while staying close to home. The **Sea Kayak Adventure Camp and Nautical Camp** take place on the Magdalen Islands. Campers meet in Souris, PEI where they are escorted on the ferry by a CPF chaperone. Both camps are a unique experience for campers who are looking to enhance their communication skills in an authentic French environment.

For younger campers there are day camps available in July on both sides of the harbour. **Camp Chocolat** is located close to the Hydrostone in Halifax. This year, there will be Camp Chocolat Junior (gr P-1) and Senior (gr 2-4), similar activities for different age groups. Camp Chocolat will run for four weeks from July 6-31. Registration for **Camp du Soleil** will take place on March 25 at the CPF Dartmouth AGM. Camp du Soleil takes place at the Dartmouth Sportsplex from July 13-24.

The month of August starts off with **Camp Frantastique** from August 3-7. This is a smaller camp for ages 10-14 yrs. Located close to Digby, this camp has lots to offer. The arts and crafts program at the camp will be sponsored by the Orb Factory, a Nova Scotian toy company.

Our final and largest camp of the season will be held in Sambro Head from August 24-29. **Camp de la Baie** is for campers from 10-14 yrs. This is a great refresher before school and a confidence booster for students going into the late immersion program. Campers sleep in heated cabins and access to up-to-date sports and waterfront facilities.

Camp registration is now open. Our Early Bird rate is available until March 31st. For information on camp dates, ages and costs, please visit ns.cpf.ca. Or contact, Erin MacDonald, Camp Coordinator at the Branch office. Registration forms can be accessed at ns.cpf.ca.



OSEF Student Exchanges

OSEF (Organisme de Séjours Educatifs Francophones), a Belgian association founded in 1994 by Christine LENFANT, promotes linguistic and cultural exchanges between France, Belgium and Spain and all Canadian provinces. OSEF is supported by Canadian school boards and their French equivalent "Rectorats". It also has the support of the Ministry of Education in Belgium.

Summer Exchange: about 100 students participate every year in the 1 month home stay program. Canadian students spend the month of July in France, return with their French exchange partner, and the French students leave at the end of August.

9 & 11 week program: each year, in August, over 300 students from different regions of France, Belgium and Spain participate in a 9 or 11 weeks exchange to Canada. These exchanges are for students aged 12 to 17. European students stay in Canada from around mid-August until the beginning of November. All stay with their exchange partner's family and attend school where they are given an attendance report. The Canadian students go to Europe from February to the end of April/beginning of May (depending on the date of arrival in February) the following year. They also have to attend their exchange partner's school.

For more information on this exciting opportunity for students, please go to www.osef.ca

Would you like an OSEF presentation in your school for your students? Contact CPF Nova Scotia for information and bookings. Parent information session to take place on Saturday, March 28th, 10 am at the new Halifax Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Rd.

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CPF ANNOUNCEMENTS

For over 35 years, Canadian Parents for French has been putting the fun in French with activities for kids. Canadian Parents for French – Nova Scotia has an exciting summer camp season for 2015 with week-long camps available that cover a range of French levels and activities. All camps provide a great opportunity for kids to learn and reinforce their language skills over the summer. That's why we are challenging you to sign up for **EQUIPE CPF NS** and participate in the **Scotiabank Charity Challenge** at the **Bluenose Marathon (May 16 & 17)** with us!

Our goal is \$5 000 to raise funds for our camp program. Funds raised will allow us to continue and improve the great summer programming that we have delivered year after year! **Contact us if you want to be a team captain and raise funds for our camp program! We have 10 free passes to give away!**

CHAPTER EVENTS

The **Dartmouth Chapter** will hold their Annual General Meeting on March 25, 2015 at the Braemar Superstore, 7 pm. **Registration for Camp du Soleil will take place after the AGM. Camp du Soleil, July 13-17/July 20-24, \$175. For more information, email cpfdartmouth@gmail.com.**

The **Halifax Peninsula and Mainland South Chapter** will hold their Annual General Meeting on April 9, 2015 at Citadel High in the Boardroom, 6-7 pm. We are looking to fill the position of Vice President which is currently vacant. **Refreshments will be available and all members are welcome to attend. For more information, email Joan at ardefen@eastlink.ca**

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

All events are posted on our Events Calendar at ns.cpf.ca!

March 12 & 13: French Movie Days for schools.

March 25: CPF Dartmouth AGM

March - April: Regional Concours d'art oratoire take place at the school boards.

April 9: CPF Halifax Peninsula and Mainland South AGM

April 24: Deadline to submit essays to **Lieutenant Governor's Award: Ready to Write! Prêt à écrire**

May 9: CPF Nova Scotia provincial **Concours d'art oratoire** at Mount Saint Vincent University.

May 15-17: Bluenose Marathon, Halifax.

CPF CONCOUR D'ART ORATOIRE 2015

The **CPF Nova Scotia Provincial Concours d'art oratoire** will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Mount Saint Vincent University. Concours is open to French Second Language (FSL) and Francophone students from grades five through twelve who are studying Core French, Integrated French, Intensive French, French immersion (Early Middle or Late) or French First Language. Students advancing to the provincial level will have won at the regional level already. Local school boards will be holding their regional Concours in March and April.

Over \$20,000 in prizes to be awarded at the provincial Concours d'art oratoire. Encounters with Canada bursaries and scholarships for the University of Ottawa, Université de Moncton and Université Sainte-Anne for grades 9-12.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Lancaster at the provincial Branch office.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia is looking for judges, classroom MCs, timekeepers and questioners. Sign up on-line at Volunspot: <http://vols.pt/SL8d1L> or contact Erin MacDonald at the Branch Office.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AWARD: READY TO WRITE! PRÊT À ÉCRIRE!

The Lieutenant Governor's Award: Ready to Write! Prêt à écrire! is a partnership with Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia and is sponsored by Université Sainte-Anne.

This year's theme will be the **Fiftieth Anniversary of the Canadian Flag**. Students will be asked to write an essay on this topic. The recipient will be honoured at an Award Recognition Ceremony and will receive a \$500 bursary from Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia.

Students must be currently enrolled in a French second language program in grades 10, 11 or 12 in the province of Nova Scotia. **Registration form available, ns.cpf.ca. Deadline April 24, 2015.**

May 30: CPF National Concours d'art oratoire at the University of Ottawa.

June 5: Deadline to submit **French Second Language Educator of the Year** application and **CPF Nova Scotia Volunteer of the Year** award.

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