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Community Events Notification**

MUSKOKA PRIDE FESTIVAL EVENTS JULY 20-29

MUSKOKA PRIDE FESTIVAL KICK-OFF BBQ IN HUNTSVILLE

Friday, July 20th 4PM – 6PM

River Mill Park, in downtown Huntsville

Join us for music, vendors, community displays, games and activities, and a free BBQ.

For more information:

Call Shawn at 705-706-2500 or email muskokapridefestival@hotmail.com or visit www.muskokapride.com and www.facebook.com/MuskokaPride

MUSKOKA PRIDE WEEK FLAG RAISINGS

Friday, July 20th Lake of Bays (Dwight) 10AM Huntsville 1PM

Monday July 23rd Bracebridge 11AM Gravenhurst 2PM

Tuesday July 24th Georgian Bay (Port Severn) 10AM Wahta First Nation 1PM
Muskoka Lakes (Port Carling) 3PM

Join the community and Muskoka Pride in raising the Rainbow Pride flag throughout the region over three days. There will also be a Community BBQ in Dwight, Bracebridge, Port Severn, Wahta, and Port Carling.

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PRIDE CHURCH SERVICE

Saturday, July 2 in Burks Falls at 6PM

Join us as we bring Pride north! Ms T's Grub Hub in Burks Falls will be having a BBQ dinner menu & Karaoke entertainment afterwards.

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PRIDE CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday, July 22nd in Port Carling at 9:30AM

Port Carling United Church – 1 Armstrong Pt. Rd.

Port Carling United Church - the first Affirming church in Muskoka - would like to invite everyone to join them for a special Pride Service on Sunday July 22nd with Rev. Sue Woods.

All are welcome. Coffee/refreshments to follow the service

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MUSKOKA PRIDE FESTIVAL COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE

Sunday, July 22nd in Bracebridge at 7PM

19 Birch Lane, Bracebridge.

Join Muskoka Pride for a quiet reflective time of singing, sharing, fellowship, and community before the start of a busy week. In the event of a continued fire ban, this event will use flameless candles.

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PRIDE NIGHT AT GRAVENHURST OPERA HOUSE

Wednesday, July 25th in Gravenhurst at 8PM

In celebration of Muskoka Pride week, the Gravenhurst Opera House is hosting a pride night.

Join us for the evening performance of "The World Goes Round" on July 25th and enjoy \$10 off the regular ticket price!

Call 705-687-5550 to order tickets.

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YOUTH SOCIAL

Wednesday, July 25th in Gravenhurst at 7PM

Join us for our 6th annual mini-golf tournament at Northern Escapades Mini-Putt.

Special price of only \$2 per person with the promo code "Muskoka Pride" (between 2PM-7PM that day only). The competition is fierce (and fabulous) to win the coveted trophy.

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MUSKOKA PRIDE HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, July 26th in Bracebridge at 2PM

In Bracebridge, Muskoka Pride hosts its sixth annual mini-golf tournament at Northern Escapade Mini Golf (301 Ecclestone Drive). Participants can golf for a special discount, when using the promotional code "Muskoka Pride" from 2:00 – 7:00. Prizes for best scores will be awarded at the Picnic on Sunday.

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SPEAKER SERIES AND FILM SCREENING

Friday, July 27th in Bracebridge at 6PM

Muskoka Pride is launching its Fall speaker series, QUEER Talks at 6PM. Queer Identities - A panel discussion about the less acknowledged aspects of trans identities (non-binary, demi, or otherwise not strictly male/female)

After, watch the Muskoka premiere of the film "Love, Simon" at 7PM.

Both events take place at the BMLSS Cafeteria.

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MUSKOKA PRIDE DRAG SHOW

Friday, July 27th in Bracebridge at 6PM

Join us at Sawdust City Brewery for the Drag Show - 4 Garters & a Stitch: The Ladies of Sawdust City Return. Featuring: Jessica Lee, Ima Cummin, Katya kun-Tessa, Peaches, and Lady Stitch

Show starts at 8PM. We suggest you arrive by 7PM.

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MUSKOKA's 1st PRIDE PARADE

Sunday, July 29th in Bracebridge at 11:30AM.

Along Manitoba Street.

In celebration of the 10th anniversary, we invite you to join us for Muskoka's first-ever Pride Parade! Groups will be marching down Manitoba Street (from Ann St to Memorial Park). Manitoba Street will be blocked off from 11:15 until noon. Groups can still register to participate in the parade at www.muskokapride.com

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10TH ANNUAL MUSKOKA PRIDE PICNIC

Sunday, July 29th from Noon to 4PM.

Memorial Park – Manitoba St, Bracebridge

The tenth annual Muskoka Pride Picnic is an event to celebrate the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) community in Muskoka and to build awareness. This is a free event with food, beverages, games, vendors, and information booths. This year we are featuring live music from local band “The Dirty Little Swing Thing”. The Picnic follows immediately after the first-ever Pride Parade.

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To see a full schedule of events go to www.muskokapride.com or click “Events” on the Muskoka Pride Facebook Page.

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About LGBT Pride Events – Pride events celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) culture. Most pride events occur annually and many take place around June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots in New York City on June 28, 1969. The first Pride march happened in 1970. Today Pride events are held in cities and towns all over the world.

About Muskoka Pride - Muskoka Pride is a volunteer group that formed in 2009, whose purpose is to increase awareness of the LGBTQ community of Muskoka and to create opportunities for inclusivity within Muskoka that overcome heterosexism and homo/bi/trans-phobia, providing a safe community for LGBT people. Muskoka Pride hosts the annual Muskoka Pride Picnic on the Sunday before the Civic Holiday weekend and Pride Week activities throughout Muskoka. A conference is held each fall, and regular social events happen throughout the year.

