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## **FREE FAMILY DAY FUN IN LANGLEY TOWNSHIP**

Whether your clan likes to kick back with crafts, make waves in the pool, or expend energy on physical activity, there will be something for everyone at Township of Langley recreation community centres and the museum this Family Day.

And in celebration of the special day, they will be offered for free on Monday, February 8.

“Family Day is a great opportunity to get everyone together to try something new or enjoy a favourite activity as a group,” said James Marvel, Langley Township’s Manager of Recreation and Cultural Services. “We are really pleased to provide this chance for families to play, learn, and have fun together on Family Day.”

The Township is especially pleased to offer the recreational and cultural activities at no cost, thanks to four \$1,000 grants that were received from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, in partnership with the BC Recreation and Parks Association, to support Family Day events.

“We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia,” Marvel said. “This funding has really helped us provide a variety of activities that will be enjoyed by families throughout our community.”

Family Day events include a free Family Swim at the W.C. Blair Recreation Centre in Murrayville, at 22200 Fraser Highway. From 1 to 6pm, all ages can enjoy fun and games, led by Township play leaders in the water. New inflatables will be out for everyone to use and the waves will be running in the pool throughout the afternoon.

Free admission will also be offered from 4 to 6pm at the Walnut Grove Community Centre, at 8889 Walnut Grove Drive, where play leaders will offer active games in the gymnasium and lead the fun in the pool.

Willoughby Recreation Centre, located in the Langley Events Centre at 7888 – 200 Street, will offer a free Family Event in the gym from 10:30am to 12:30pm on February 8. The event will feature bouncy castles, face painting, prizes, basketball, and active play for all ages. There will also be a free family boot camp, family Zumba, and family workout.

At the Langley Centennial Museum, at 9135 King Street in Fort Langley, a free Family Day Event will run from 1 to 4pm. Activities will include arts and craft projects and a scavenger hunt around the History Gallery where participants can unravel the secrets of the past and learn the history of Fort Langley. Guests can craft their own family crest and family tree, enjoy face painting, and win prizes. Families can also get in a silly photo booth and have the day captured by professional photographer Dennis Ducklow from Double Exposure Photography.

“There was an overwhelmingly positive response to last year’s event,” said Maggie Lukban, Arts and Culture Programmer for the Township, who noted the day’s activities are designed to strengthen family relationships by providing opportunities to learn and play together in an indoor, creative, and supportive environment.

Guests can drop in and enjoy the fun any time during the free Family Day events at the museum and the three centres. Additional activities not funded by Province of BC grants may also be featured at the various locations. For details, visit [tol.ca/events](http://tol.ca/events).