Plenty of Fun for New Year’s Eve Partygoers at FWHP

Nippy winter temperatures did not deter hardy partygoers from celebrating the New Year's Eve Family Frolic at Fort William Historical Park December 31st.

More than 2,000 patrons of all ages turned out to enjoy an evening of outdoor and indoor activities around the Fort to welcome 2009 in jubilant style.

The historic site was a hubbub of activity as visitors enjoyed sleigh rides, snowshoeing, bonfires, shinny, and a sliding hill. Patrons got a taste of history while visiting Fort proprietor Kenneth McKenzie in the Wintering House and firearm mender Gervais Nolin in the Armourer's Shop.

Indoor activities featured children's entertainers and musicians, crafts and family movies. Families were also greeted by Willy the Voyageur and Father Time at the skating rink. Everyone also took time to pause and reflect while signing the New Year's Resolution board.

FWHP General Manager Sergio Buonocore greeted the enthusiastic crowd in the Main Square before introducing the impressive fireworks show which garnered the requisite "Ooohs!" and "Aaaahs!" at the conclusion of evening at 10 p.m. Buoyed by the exciting pyrotechnics, families headed off home in time to get kiddies to bed and for moms and dads to celebrate the New Year at midnight.

Nippy winter temperatures did not deter hardy partygoers from celebrating the New Year's Eve Family Frolic at Fort William Historical Park December 31st. More than

2,000 patrons of all ages turned out to enjoy an evening of outdoor and indoor activities around the Fort to welcome 2009 in jubilant style.

The historic site was a hubbub of activity as visitors enjoyed sleigh rides, snowshoeing, bonfires, shinny, and a sliding hill. Patrons got a taste of history while visiting Fort proprietor Kenneth McKenzie in the Wintering House and firearm mender Gervais Nolin in the Armourer's Shop.

Indoor activities featured children's entertainers and musicians, crafts and family movies. Families were also greeted by Willy the Voyageur and Father Time at the skating rink. Everyone also took time to pause and reflect while signing the New Year's Resolution board.

FWHP General Manager Sergio Buonocore greeted the enthusiastic crowd in the Main Square before introducing the impressive fireworks show which garnered the requisite "Ooohs!" and "Aaaahs!" at the conclusion of evening at 10 p.m. Buoyed by the exciting pyrotechnics, families headed off home in time to get kiddies to bed and for moms and dads to celebrate the New Year at midnight.

ort William Historical Park is always making headlines for its exciting festivals, programs, and initiatives. Find out more about the Fort's recent achievements and other newsworthy happenings by browsing through our press release section. Articles and stories covering the highlights of the past year are arranged in chronological order for easy navigation.

If you would like more information about any of our press releases, please contact our Communications Officer at (807) 473-2326 (phone), (807) 473-2327 (fax), or by e-mail at: communications@fwhp.ca

Inquiries can also be mailed to:

Communications

Marketing Department

Fort William Historical Park

1350 King Road

Thunder Bay, ON P7K 1L7

2009

- Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Visits FWHP
- Mansbridge Headlines Writers Festival
- Chubby Checker a Hit at Retrofest
- FWHP Attendance Up
- ADM Helps FWHP Celebrate Canada Day
- Countryfest Features Ricky Skaggs, Overnight Camping
- FWHP Opens Canada Gateway Centre, Grand Marais MN
- FWHP Wins Westjet Award
- FWHP Hosts Regional Showcase
- FWHP Wins Aboriginal Youth Diversity Award
- Earth Day Celebrated

- FWHP Hosts Leadership Dialogue
- Tourism Minister Smith Visits FWHP
- FWHP Joins LU Thunderwolves for Sponsor Nite
- Plenty of Fun for New Year's Partygoers at FWHP

2008

- Voyageurs and Métis Nation Join Forces for Christmas Parade
- FWHP’s Innovative New Website Goes Live
- Wall-to-wall Turn-Out for OPS United Way Pasta Lunch at Fort William Historical Park
- Car Rally Fundraiser for Cancer Research
- Search and Rescue Team "Drops" by the Fort's Amphitheatre
- Plenty of Smoke and Fire During "Battle" of Fort William
- Fort William Historical Park Wins Westjet Award
- Fort William Historical Park Bounces Back from Flooding by Hosting Back-to-Back Community Events
- Fort William Historical Park Hosts First Ever Regional Showcase Ontario
- Thunder Bay Public Servants Surpass United Way Goal
- The New Secretary of Cabinet Visits FWHP
- The New Deputy Minister Visits FWHP

2007

- Pasta Party at FWHP was Huge Success
- Canadian Antiques Roadshow
- OTMP Karoke Contest Inspires Fort William's Singing Fur Traders
- NAN and FWHP Kick Off First Nation Culture and Music Festival

- Rock the Fort Wins Discovery Award
- The McGuinty Government to Provide Flood Rehabilitation Support to FWHP
- NAN & FWHP Launch Summer Festival Anishnawbe Keeshigun
- Antiques Roadshow Pulls in at Fort William Historical Park
- FWHP Wins Ambassador Award
- Voyageur Winter Carnival

2003

- Old Fort William No Longer "Old"