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Summer events

Whistler International All Star Hockey Tournament June 21– July 14, Whistler. An elite youth tournament designed to bring together hockey players with a high level of commitment to their sport and to fun. whistlerallstarhockey.com

The Squamish Gardeners' "Garden Tour 2008" June 22, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Squamish. Although the gardeners weren't releasing much info at press time, I'm gonna go out on a limb and say this event consists of checking out the gardens of Squamish. Hit the site for more details. squamishgardeners.com

Squamish Legion Meat Draws June 28, 3–5 pm, Squamish Legion. Also held every Saturday, this is the only known opportunity for Sea to Sky residents to win free meat. You probably need a Legion membership to enter but you should all have one of those anyhow. Support our veterans, win meat. mysquamish.com

Whistler Dragon Boat Festival June 28 – 29, Whistler. The first annual Whistler Dragon Boat Festival on beautiful Alta Lake. Great scenery, beating drums, fierce paddling, cheering spectators and live entertainment. Register your team early. whistlerdragonboat.com

ArtWalk July 1–August 31, Whistler. ArtWalk features more than 50 regional artists and artisans in host "galleries" throughout the village. Support local artists, they need it, have you seen how much studio space rents for around here? whistlerartscouncil.com

Green Drinks July 2, 8–10 pm, Blacks Pub, Whistler. In Whistler it's incredibly smart to combine your event with the word "drinks." Here the Environmentalists get it right with a monthly shindig at Blacks including free appetizers and beer. Lacking structure and any sort of agenda, Green drinkers of all ages and backgrounds meet to chat, debate, socialize, and connect with others who are passionate about environmental and sustainability issues. This rules.

Whistler Art Workshops on the Lake July 2 – August 24, Whistler. The Whistler Arts Council is once again hosting a ton of workshops out in that old-school Whistler heritage home on the lake. There are too many good workshops to list so just go to the website and check it out. whistlerartscouncil.com

Whistler Children's Art Festival July 12 – 13, Whistler Creekside. The 25th anniversary of the fest will be fun-filled with hands-on workshops in fine arts, crafts, theatre, multi-media, dance and music. Lots of free activities and entertainment by roving musicians, zany characters and popular children's performers on the main stage. whistlerartscouncil.com

Squamish Mountain Festival July 16 – 20, Squamish. Featuring an exciting mix of films, clinics, competitions and guest speakers, the festival takes place at various locations and focuses on climbing.

Last day for Summer Skiing and Riding July 27, Blackcomb Mountain. The title of this one kind of says it all.

Sea to Sky Charity Golf Event July 29, Nicklaus North Golf Course, Whistler. This Texas Scramble tourney will donate all proceeds to the Pemberton Children's Centre. 1:00 pm Registration, 2:30 pm Shotgun Start, 6:30 pm Cocktails, 7:00 pm Dinner. It ain't cheap but it's for an excellent cause and should be a great day on the turf. pembertonchamber.com

The Canadian National BBQ Championships August 2 – 3, Dusty's Bar and Grill, Creekside, Whistler. A rip-roaring, lip-smacking good time with as many as 50 teams barbecuing, cooking, socializing and celebrating for two solid days. This is what summer is all about. whistlerblackcomb.com

Green Drinks August 6, 8–10 pm, Blacks Pub, Whistler. See July 2.

Kokanee Crankworx August 9 – 17, Whistler. The premier mountain bike festival, featuring freeride competitions, pro riding demos, FREE music and entertainment. And more bikes than you have ever seen. whistlerblackcomb.com

The 6th Annual Copper and Fire Event August 10, BC Museum of Mining, Britannia Beach. As best I can tell this is an art event focusing on artists who use metal and heat. They're still accepting submissions. bcmuseumofmining.org

Slow Food Cycle August 17, Pemberton. Ride your bike from farm to farm eating and learning about stuff that matters. slowfoodcyclesunday.com

Feast of Fields August 30, 1– 5 pm, Rebagliatti Park, Whistler. A gourmet, wandering, harvest festival picnic. Taste the very best of BC from chefs, vintners, brewers, farmers and food artisans from across the province. ffcf.bc.ca/whistlerfeast/home.html

Green Drinks Sept. 3, 8–10 pm, Blacks Pub, Whistler. See July 2.

The Whistler Writers and Readers Festival September 12–14, Whistler. A range of workshops on writing fiction, memoir, romance and commercial nonfiction, with guest writers including Wayne Grady, Nancy Warren, Susan Reifer and Leslie Anthony. theviciouscircle.ca

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