



Borderland Pride

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2023 PRIDE GUIDE

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WHAT IS PRIDE?

The Pride movement works to achieve justice, dignity, safety, and equal opportunity for 2SLGBTQIA+ people. Pride events range from solemn to carnivalesque, and include educational, fun, advocacy, and artistic activities.



WHAT DOES 2SLGBTQIA+ MEAN?

There are many variants of the “LGBT” acronym. Most people who use these acronyms mean for them to be understood as an umbrella term referring to people who are non-heterosexual or non-cisgender. Borderland Pride has started to use **2SLGBTQIA+**, which stands for **two-spirit**, **lesbian**, **gay**, **bisexual**, **transgender**, **queer/questioning**, **intersex**, and **asexual**. We have made this choice in order to respect that Indigenous members of our community were here first. Many other organizations use variations such as “LGBTQ2” or “LGBTQ+”.

WHY DOES THE FLAG HAVE NEW STRIPES?

The flag you see pictured in the festival logo is the Progress Pride Flag. This variation to the rainbow flag adds a chevron that features black, brown, light blue, pink, and white stripes to bring some of the most marginalized communities to the forefront of the movement. Those communities include people of colour and trans people. The arrow points to the right to show forward movement, but also that progress still needs to be made.

HOW CAN I SHOW SUPPORT DURING PRIDE?

All of our Pride Month events are open to everyone to attend, and most of them are **FREE**. 2SLGBTQIA+ community members and allies are also encouraged to display Pride flags at their homes or businesses throughout the month of June. New Pride lawn signs are for sale at Curvy Chick. The proceeds support Borderland Pride.



JUNE 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

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PRIDE SUNDAY SERVICE

Presented by Knox United Church (Fort Frances)

Time/Location: 10 AM at Knox United Church, 340 Church St., Fort Frances
*A special Pride Month community church service. All are welcome. **FREE.***

TUE

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PRIDE BUTTON AND BANNER MAKING

Presented by the United Native Friendship Centre

Time/Location: 4:30 to 8 PM at UNFC, 427 Mowat Ave., Fort Frances
*Buttons, and banners, and pizza—oh my! Join UNFC to make buttons for Pride Month or banners for our Pride March on June 10. All supplies and refreshments provided. **FREE.***

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PRIDE PARENT PANEL

Presented by the United Native Friendship Centre

Time/Location: 7 to 8:30 PM, UNFC, 427 Mowat Ave., Fort Frances (and maybe online)
*Pride is about supporting diverse families and sharing resources! Join us for this informative discussion with parents of young people who are part of our local 2SLGBTQIA+ community. **FREE.***

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OPEN MIC @ THE MARKET

Presented by the United Native Friendship Centre

Time/Location: 4-7 PM, Rainy Lake Square, Fort Frances
*Hear local voices, musicians, and performers share their talent to celebrate Pride! Interested performers can contact Jenna Field at 807-274-8541 or alcoholdrug@unfc.org. **FREE.***

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SAMSON BUSCH ART SIP & SHOP

Presented by Curvy Chick

Time/Location: 5-7 PM, Curvy Chick, Fort Frances

Art to bring awareness and acceptance of 2SLGBTQIA+ experiences.



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PASSPORT TO PRIDE MARCH

Presented by Borderland Pride and International Falls Rotary Club

Time/Location: Participants assemble at 11 AM, Smokey Bear Park, International Falls

Our world-famous Pride March is back! We are the only Pride parade in the world to cross an international border. Join us at Smokey Bear Park for a 1-mile pedestrian parade to Canada.

*Participants must be eligible for entry. Pedestrians, strollers, scooters, cyclists, and wagons are welcome—but no motor vehicles. Remarks from special guests at Rainy Lake Square. **FREE.***

SPLASH! DRAG SHOW — Proceeds Support the Fort Frances Splash Park!

Presented by Borderland Pride and Molson Coors

Time/Location: Doors open 7 PM (6:30 for VIP tickets), Memorial Sports Centre, Fort Frances

We are proud to welcome the drag artists from Wiggins Productions back to Fort Frances for a great night of entertainment — and all for a good cause! Tickets available in advance at

***www.borderlandpride.org/drag** (\$20 General or \$30 VIP) and at the door (\$25). Bring cash for tipping performers and payment cards for drinks and other purchases. This fully-accessible event is not age-restricted, but may include some mature content. All gender facilities on-site.*

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DRAG STORY TIME

Presented by TD

Location: 11 AM, Fort Frances Museum, 259 Scott St., Fort Frances

*Reading is fundamental! Join our drag artists as they read children's stories, make crafts, and sing songs. This family-friendly event is for all ages and abilities. **FREE.***

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COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Presented by ETFO T/OT/ESP Locals

Colouring pages can be downloaded at www.borderlandpride.org/contest and dropped off in the mailbox at 700 Victoria Ave. in Fort Frances. On June 12, all entries will be posted in the windows at the Northwest Community Legal Clinic (206 Scott St., Fort Frances). Winners announced online.

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PRIDE BREAKFAST

Presented by Giishkaandago'Ikwe Health Services

Time/Location: 9 AM, Rainy Lake Square, Fort Frances

*Healthy communities celebrate Pride. Join Giishkaandago'Ikwe Health Services for a traditional opening and honour ceremony with drumming at 9 AM, followed by breakfast. There will be prizes, giveaway items, remarks from special guests, and other resources. **FREE.***

PRIDE PAINT NIGHT

Presented by RBC

Time/Location: 7 PM, Métis Hall, 714 Armit Ave., Fort Frances

Our artist-instructor will help us paint individual canvases, step-by-step. Watch for tickets (\$35) at www.borderlandpride.org/paint. Cash bar, adults get one drink ticket with admission.

ALL
MONTH

PRIDE MART + SIGN CAMPAIGN DEPOT

Your Purchases Support Borderland Pride!

Location: Curvy Chick, 256 Scott St., Fort Frances

Pick up your Pride flags and lawn signs to decorate your home, classroom, or workplace for Pride Month and show your allyship. Check out the other great selection at Curvy Chick!

PRIDE COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Pride in our roots, diversity in our hearts



Gizhewaadziwin Health Access Centre

www.gizhac.com



UNFC is a safe space for LGBTQ2+ individuals, we offer programming and support for everyone.

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*Providing services to eligible
low-income residents of the
Kenora and Rainy River Districts.*

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Fort Frances Branch
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**CMHA Fort Frances Branch (CMHAFF) is privileged to serve
individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+**

We strive to provide safe and respectful supports in all areas of our programming, including:

Community Support Team

Case Management
Housing Subsidy Support Program
Court Diversion and Support
Remote Care Monitoring Program

District Mental Health Services for Older Adults Program

Enhanced Care- CARERS/TEACH

Ontario Structured Psychotherapy Program

Psychogeriatric Resource Program
Safe Bed Program
Mobile Crisis Response Services
District Peer Support Program
RAAM Clinic



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Emo-Devlin United Churches

'Make A Big Splash' Spray Park Committee

Northwest Community Legal Clinic

International Falls Rotary Club

Fort Frances Museum

The Thread Shed

Tour de Fort

Find the most up-to-date list of
sponsors and event details at
www.borderlandpride.org

A printable Pride Guide is
also available online.

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