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World Refugee Day



June 20 marks the seventh annual World Refugee Day, bringing further attention to refugee crises worldwide. In 2005 there were more than 19 million refugees, a 13 percent increase from the previous year.

Since 2003 more than two million Darfurians have fled to neighboring Chad, forced to abandon their homes and livelihoods in order to escape the ever growing violence in Sudan.

International Medical Corps has provided critical emergency medical and health related services. More than three million refugees rely on humanitarian aid to stay alive in Darfur and Chad alone.

MOTIF MOOSE JAW MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

JULY 11-13, 2008

If you are interested in volunteering or participating as a guest group at Motif please contact the office at 693-4677 or motif@mjmcinc.ca
Deadline for annual group fees is June 18th.

Motif 2008



Motif is a family oriented, outdoor multicultural festival. Join us as our cultural communities work together to bring you colourful performances and mouth watering international cuisine.

Bring your family, bring a friend and join us for all three days, or just one.

Check out our website for dates, time, and pricing. www.mjmcinc.ca

Gateway to Success Conference

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council coordinated and hosted “Newcomer Settlement in Smaller Centres ‘Gateway to Success’ Conference” in February 2008. It was held February 12th to 14th at the Heritage Inn with approximately 110 people attending. The conference was funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced education, Employment and Labour. Communities, organizations, employers and government dealing with newcomer settlement were invited to participate at this conference.

**WE HAVE A
NEW
WEBSITE!!**

www.mjmcinc.ca

CHECK IT OUT!!

Evening English Class

Mondays, Tuesdays 7:00 –9:00 PM –beginner/intermediate class
Wednesdays, Thursdays 7:00—9:00 PM intermediate/advanced class
Saturdays 1:00 –3:00 PM –drop in assistance

To be eligible for these classes you must be:
 A permanent resident ,temporary worker, a nominee
 or a new Canadian citizen (under 10 years)

To register for this class bring your immigration or citizenship papers, SIN card and health card to the MJMC office between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. If you cannot come during the day please call 693-4677 so special arrangements can be made.

Child care is provided free of charge.

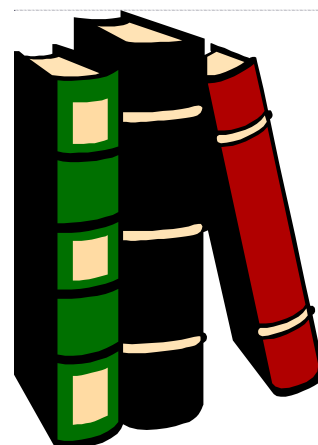
Stories from the students

Money goes, money comes

My little story is about when I was in a Refugee camp called Pinyudo. One day I went down town to buy something for me and my daughter. There was a lot of people when we got in the car. I put money in my pocket. We got to the middle of the trip and someone took my money. Then the driver of the car wanted me to pay but there was no money. It is very bad to go by car if you don't have any money to pay. They put you out of the car. There are a lot of animals or bad people who would kill you or take you away. One person helped me and paid for my fare. Then when we got into the town I told my relatives and they gave me money to pay her back because she did something very good for me and my daughter. Written by Aballa Lero

10 Reasons I like Moose Jaw By the LINC 1 Class

10. I like Canadian food.
9. All the family likes it so we are happy.
8. I can call my friends and invite them over.
7. I like my house.
6. I like my school.
5. I can learn English.
4. The air is fresh and clean.
3. Moose Jaw is not cold too much.
2. Moose Jaw is a very good place to raise children.
1. The people of Moose Jaw are very kind.



SPANISH CLASSES

THE MOOSE JAW MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL WILL BE OFFERING SPANISH CLASSES INSTRUCTED BY KARINA ZELAYA, STARTING IN SEPT. 2008 SPACE IS LIMITED. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL 693-4677 TO REGISTER EARLY.

Upcoming Events



June 12– Sidewalk Days
 June 18-MJMC Annual General Meeting 6:30pm
 June 18-Motif meeting 7:30pm
 June 17-Father's Day
 June 19-Home Town Fair Parade
 June 20-22-Home Town Fair
 July 1-Canada Day (Office Closed)
 July 11-13– Motif 2008
 August 4– Civic Holiday (Office Closed)
 September 1– Labour Day (Office Closed)
 September 17-MJMC & Motif meetings 7:00pm

Host Barbeque

The Annual Host BBQ will be held on June 14th from 12 noon until 2pm at Happy Valley Park. We will be having a BBQ lunch for all our volunteers, newcomers to Canada, staff and their families. We will also have games, sports and water activities, so bring a bathing suit, towel and lawn chair to enjoy the fun. In case of bad weather the BBQ will be held at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council-60 Athabasca Street East. To Volunteer in the HOST program contact Patricia Davies @ 693-4677

Donations

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council gratefully accepts used clothing for any age group, and also, small household items such as dishes, cutlery, small appliances, bedding, toys and books. Due to lack of storage we cannot accept large items such as beds and sofas. All items are given to newcomer families as they arrive in our community.

Please feel free to contact us at:
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