VICTORIA, BC — In 1843, a Hudson’s Bay Company fur trading post was officially named “Fort Victoria”. It was the beginning of a settlement that eventually grew into what we know today as the City of Victoria. On Sunday, July 29, 2012, take a step back in time and participate in the Fort Victoria Family Festival and Fort Building Competition. Gather your family, friends, neighbours and co-workers and let your creativity run wild as you build your own fort in Centennial Square.

Celebrity judges will carefully peruse each masterpiece and announce a winner. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories, so bring your best ideas and prepare to be creative! Rome wasn’t built in a day, but your fort will be!

- The competition is limited to 15 teams so register early to avoid disappointment.
- Each team must have a minimum of four members and a maximum of 10. All ages are welcome.
- Teams will be provided with the same materials -- cardboard, duct tape, paint … no power tools!
- Teams may provide additional materials for decorating, such as fabric, poster board, paper, stickers and recycled materials (please no use of wood, metal or materials that may result in injury).
- Completed forts must be able to fit at least one person inside with the fort remaining intact.

Points will be awarded for design, structural integrity, unique features and creative decorating, with extra points awarded for the use of sustainable or recycled materials, a full roster of 10 team members, a creative team name, costumes and team spirit.

Join us Sunday, July 29 from noon – 3 p.m. in Centennial Square for an afternoon of friendly competition and enjoy music performances, historical stories, tours and activity stations for all ages that will make this a crazy-fun way to learn more about Victoria’s past.

The deadline to register is Friday, July 13, 2012. An entry fee is required to secure your team in the competition and to ensure commitment. All entry fees will be donated to the United Way of Greater Victoria. Non profit, community, family or friend: $25 per team. Corporate, business or media entries: $50 per team.

The Fort Victoria Family Festival and Fort Building Competition is presented by the City of Victoria, and sponsored by Ocean 98.5 and 103.1 JACK FM. For more information and to register, visit: www.victoria.ca/fortvictoria

Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

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