

Elementary Aged Students Who Are Residents of Pitt Meadows

Re: Pitt Meadows Day – Saturday, June 4, 2011

The annual Pitt Meadows Day Program is scheduled for **SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011.**

Miss Pitt Meadows and the other members of the Royal Party are selected from qualifying students residing within the City of Pitt Meadows. Information relative to qualifications and entry form is listed below. If you wish your daughter or son (in the case of flag bearer) to participate, please complete the form and return it to your child’s school not later than 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

Miss Pitt Meadows – Choosing the Royal Party

A. To be eligible to be members of the Royal Party each child must have:

1. Two years residency in Pitt Meadows.
2. Parent’s consent and a signed statement of the parent’s willingness to supply necessary clothing and to allow the child to attend practices.

B. Regulations

1. A girl may be a flower girl only once. Flower girls cannot later be the Record Bearer or Medallion Bearer but may be the Attendants or Miss Pitt Meadows.
2. Boys may be Flag Bearer only once.
3. Girls who have been the Record Bearer or Medallion Bearer cannot be Attendants but they may be Miss Pitt Meadows.
4. All Grade Six girls with two years residency shall have the opportunity of being Miss Pitt Meadows, therefore Miss Pitt Meadows will be chosen before her Attendants.
5. The members of the Royal Party shall be chosen in a fair and equitable manner and at the discretion of the selection committee.

C. The Royal party shall consist of:

- 10 Flower Girls – Grade One, Two and Three girls
- 2 Flag Bearers – Grade Four boys
- 1 Medallion Bearer – Grade Five girl
- 1 Miss Pitt Meadows – Grade Six girl
- 1 1st Attendant – Grade Six girl
- 1 2nd Attendant – Grade Six girl
- 1 3rd Attendant – Grade Six girl
- 1 Retiring Miss Pitt Meadows and her attendants

Please Return This Consent Form to Your School by Tuesday, April 5, 2011 (8:30 am)

Name of Child: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

My child has a minimum of two years residency in Pitt Meadows Yes _____ Initials _____

Are you willing to have your child take part in this festivity? Yes _____ No _____

If your child is chosen to be a member of the Royal Party, will you provide the child with suitable clothing? (dress, shoes, etc.)? Yes _____ No _____

Will you accept the responsibility of having the child attend the necessary practice or practices? Yes _____ No _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

This form must be returned by Tuesday, April 5, 2011 (8:30 am) if you wish your child to take part. Please note the Regulations as outlined on the upper part of this page.

Pitt Meadows Day

Pitt Meadows Day started out as a Strawberry Tea and grew from there. In 1937 it turned into a May Day with a queen picked and May Pole dancing. Most of the residents were farmers in those days and they decided a June day would fit better with farm schedules so the day became Pitt Meadows Day, to be held always on the first Saturday in June.

The first Miss Pitt Meadows was picked in 1938 from a grade 6 student group with a party that has grown to 3 attendants, Record Bearer, Medallion Bearer, 2 Flag Bearers and 10 Flowergirls ranging from grades 1-6. Names are picked out of a hat from children who enter. Those chosen will be youth ambassadors in the upcoming year for the city.

Pitt Meadows Day starts out with a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the local Lions club. A bicycle and safety check encourages all to cycle to the park. A parade with about 65 entries starts at 11 am that winds up at Harris Rd. Park and Heritage Hall where most of the activities for the day take place. The Royal Party ascending the stage signals the start of the formal ceremony. O Canada, a First Nations welcoming and an address by the Mayor proceed the crowning of Miss Pitt Meadows. The Pitt Meadows Foundation recognizes the Citizen of the Year with an award. As a tribute to a deceased volunteer of Pitt Meadows Day Committee the Lynn Papp award is presented to a deserving youth who selflessly contributes their time to the community. Entertainment of singing and dancing is performed. The Royal Party and guests are piped off the stage to the Royal Tea, held in the Lions Den. A light lunch is served and the record book is signed (the Record Bearer has been doing this since 1945.)

All sorts of free activities are on the field during the afternoon from mini golf, rock wall climbing, building birdhouses, planting sunflowers, face painting to creating projects at the imagination market. Several 4-H Clubs bring their projects and show the community what goes on in 4-H. They showcase their record books, demonstrations, speeches and demonstrate how to correctly groom and feed their animals. A Petting Zoo enables the public to interact with calves, rabbits and sheep or even enjoy a llama buggy ride. A martial arts group performs demonstrations and leads races and activities such as sack races, crab walking and egg and spoon races. Juried vendors sell a variety of food out on the field and community groups are encouraged to join in as a fundraiser. Static displays from various community groups help keep people informed especially new citizens. Artists and crafters bring their talents to demonstrate and sell. Antique engines and a heritage fire truck are displayed with Pitt Meadows Day historic information at Hoffman garage and the museum. Car clubs display their restorations at Harris Rd. Park. The teens celebrate games, sport tournaments and band presentations at their Youthfest at the Family Recreation Center.

Salmon and chicken BBQ dinners are served between 5 and 7 pm. The Pitt Meadows Volunteer Fire Department have been preparing and cooking the salmon for at least 40 years. Many community volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up. They enjoy the chance to meet new citizens or visitors as well as old acquaintances.

A Grand March of the Royal Party escorted by their parent starts the Family Dance. Young and old dance together with old favorites like the Chicken Dance, Bunny Hop, Limbo, Polka and the Hokey Pokey. Generations of family visit and celebrate the annual Pitt Meadows Day gathering.

After the dance, families gather at the Athletic park and arena. There at dusk, the Pitt Meadows Volunteer Fire Department put on a fabulous display of fireworks to wind up a very enjoyable fun-filled day.