



David Thompson Bicentennials Launch

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at



Bonjour le camp! Cocktail Reception: Thursday, March 30, 2006

Clerk's Quarters, Ft. Edmonton





Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, voyageur-style entertainment and the company of both new and old friends.

-  6:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Greetings and cocktails
-  7:00 PM – 10:30 PM: Voyageur song and dance: Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society accompanied by renowned Métis fiddler Gilbert Anderson

Rendezvous at Ft. Edmonton: Friday, March 31, 2006 (Daytime)

Johnson's Café, Hotel Selkirk at Ft. Edmonton Park

Meeting day











-  7:30 AM: Must Be Business Breakfast (at your leisure)
-  9:00 AM: Partners' Meeting - Morning Session
-  12:00 PM: Posé Luncheon presenting Métis Voices
-  1:30 PM: Partners' Meeting - Afternoon Session

Meeting specifics can be found on the following agenda document: [Rendezvous at Ft. Edmonton](#)

Explorer's Celebration Dinner Banquet: Friday March 31, 2006 (Evening)





Johnson's Café, Hotel Selkirk at Ft. Edmonton Park

Celebrate the launch of the David Thompson Bicentennials in a casual and fun atmosphere with great food, excellent speakers and inspiring Aboriginal artists

-  6:00 PM: Cocktails
-  6:30 PM: Introductions: MC, DTBI Chair
Welcome to Edmonton: Mayor or delegate
-  7:00 PM: Elder Blessing
-  7:10 PM: Dinner Served
-  8:30 PM: Rainbow Spirit Dancers and Drummers
Aboriginal Traditional Flutist
-  9:10 PM: Keynote Speaker: Jennifer S.H. Brown-Women and The Fur Trade
-  9:40 PM: Special Presentations
-  9:50 PM: MC, DTBI Chair
-  10:00 PM: Showcase – Asani: A Circle of First Nations and Métis Women
-  11:30 PM: Closing

Embracing the Trade: Saturday, April 1, 2006

A morning of activities celebrating our fur trade heritage

-  8:00 AM: Break Bread Breakfast (at your leisure) at Johnson's Café
-  9:00 AM: Gather in hotel lobby for a casual promenade to Ft. Edmonton
-  9:30 AM: Free-Trader Historical Vignette
Interpreter-led Tour of Ft. Edmonton
Old-time Wagon Tour of Ft. Edmonton Park
-  12:00 PM: Farewell Friends Luncheon
at the Ukrainian Bookstore, Ft. Edmonton Park

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Rendezvous at Fort Edmonton Park Rendezvous at Fort Edmonton Park

in Johnson's Café at



Meeting day: **Friday, March 31, 2006**

 **Must Be Business Breakfast 7:30 AM**

 **Partners' Meeting 9:00 AM**

- First Nations Blessing
- Welcome and Introductions: **Leanne Playter**
- Bring David Thompson To Life: Our Partners In History & Heritage: **Bob Sandford**
- David Thompson & The Public Imagination: **Rick Boychuk**, Canadian Geographic
- David Thompson: Maverick: **Michale Lang**, Glenbow Museum
- Charlotte Small: Unsung Heroine of the Fur Trade: **Leanne Playter**

 **Break**

- **The Great Surveyor: Ken Allred, Alberta Surveyors' Association**
- The Great Map of the Great Map: **Andy Korsos**
- Maps & Itineraries: **John Allard, Ross MacDonald**, Parks Canada
- Thompson On The Columbia: American Committee Report

 **Posé Luncheon: Presenting Métis Voices 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

- The David Thompson Interpretive Framework: Bob Sandford
- The David Thompson Website: Bob Sandford & Rick Boychuk
- Upcoming Events: The Brigade Banquet: Carolyn Kent
- Upcoming Events: See You In St. Louis! The North American Fur Trade Conference & The 2006 & 2008 Rupert's Land Colloquium: David Malaher
- The Great Brigade: Andy Korsos

 **Break**

- Roundtable of news and events planned by partners
- Outline of schedule of upcoming meetings
- Final remarks: Bob Sandford

 **First Nations Blessing 5:00 PM**

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