

At Black Creek Pioneer Village

Preparations for a pioneer style Christmas



"PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS" From now until January 4th Black Creek Pioneer Village recalls the Christmases of pre-Confederation rural Ontario. The foods, decorations and rituals of Ontario's early settlers are recreated in special demonstrations. The homes of the Village have been decorated to reflect the life styles and beliefs of the original owners.



TORONTO -- The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority invites you to enjoy preparations for Christmas, pre-Confederation style, in Black Creek Pioneer Village.

From now to January 4 the Village staff demonstrate how settlers prepared and observed the Yule. The Village houses display the simple decorations of the period -- wreaths of evergreen boughs, garlands of cranberries and popcorn and the traditional kissing balls. The kitchens are filled with the aromas of freshly baked fancy breads, cakes, mince-meat and puddings.

To add to the Christmas scene at Black Creek, the choir members from St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Islington will sing Christmas carols in various locations through the Village each Saturday and Sunday afternoon between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., up to December 21st.

An added treat for families on weekends will be special "Christmas Dinner" (reservations are essential) at Black Creek's Half Way House on the following Sundays: 7th, 14th and 21st of December. For reservations telephone 661-6654.

The Village is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on weekends from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day only.

Black Creek Pioneer Village, located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in Northwest Metro Toronto, is administered by The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

For further information contact Metro Region Conservation at 661-6600.



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Festive Holland New Year's bowl

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New Year's Bowl
1 imported Holland Edam cheese (1 lb. 4 oz.)
1/2 cup port wine
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup of chopped nuts

Cut a two or three inch diameter slice from top of imported Holland Edam ball; do not remove wax coating from slice or ball. Scoop out the cheese leaving 1/4 inch all around to form shell; put the scooped out cheese through food chopper using fine blade. Gradually blend cheese, mayonnaise and remaining ingredients in a mixer at medium speed. (Or place cheese and

mayonnaise in blender at high speed until smooth, then gradually add remaining ingredients). Mixture should be smooth and spreadable. Stuff the Edam shell with the mixture and cover with top. Cut numerals and hands into the wax coating with a sharp knife, peel off coating and reveal yellow cheese beneath. Place bowl in refrigerator, remove an hour before serving. Surround bowl with crisp crackers and fresh vegetable slices.

Filling variation: Use 1/2 cup beer, 1/2 cup mayonnaise and 1/2 teaspoon of caraway seeds.

Selkirk Scene

Miss Grace Cox of Cayuga visited Wanda McKenzie on Sunday Dec. 14. Congratulations to Maureen and Art Morrison of Selkirk on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Caroline

Patricia on November 28. Greg, Gina and Julie McKenzie visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McKenzie of Pt. Dover on Friday night.

Mr. Earnie Jones had the misfortune to fall and break his leg, we certainly hope it was not a bad break and he will mend quickly.

We are sorry to hear that Milton Weaver had a very bad heart attack and his condition remains very serious.



Christmas Wishes

for everlasting peace and joy. Thanks all.

Peter & Edna
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Silent Night

During the season of Christmas may joy and peace be yours. Warm appreciation to all.

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Thoughts

by Carol Beth Herman

What's in your thoughts, when thinking of Christmas? Do you think of a wonderful baby named Jesus? A baby born in the lowly stable behind an inn. An exceptional child to whom grown men bowed down. If this preoccupies your thoughts, you're a minority. According to my sense of reason, most people today are interested only in Christmas tree, shopping, family reunions and turkey dinners. While there is nothing wrong with this, I feel if it was curbed a bit we could have more time

to think of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas. If you'll remember -- Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday.

An act of kindness, thinking of an old friend or just a smile are really what Christmas spirit is all about. Enjoy decorating the tree, your reunions and dinners but at the same time enjoy the idea of celebrating Jesus' birthday. It will help to make your Christmas smile brighter and maybe your smile will last all year!



CROSS-COUNTRY CANADA

How many cross-country skiers are there in Canada?

"A sight more than there used to be," mused a Canadian Ski Marathon official last winter, as a seemingly endless line of gliders whisked by to disappear beyond the crest of a distant hill.

The annual Canadian Ski Marathon is a 100-mile, two-day tour for both competitors and recreational skiers between Lachute and Hull, Quebec. The tour attracted more than 2,000 skiers in 1975 and hundreds more were unable to participate as overnight accommodation in the area limited the number of entrants.

Nordic, cross-country or trail skiing continues to attract new devotees, not only from the book and boob-tube brigade, but new converts are being won from snowmobilers, snowshoers and even the sneers of the die-hard downhillers, particularly on slope-crowded weekends, have turned to cheers.

More resorts than ever are offering either complete cross-country ski package vacations or at least a one-day ski touring option with their regular alpine ski weeks. Airlines such as CP Air and Air Canada now include full package vacation offers to the Nordic set.

Air Canada's initial cross-country Skifari package to Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper, Alberta offers the splendor of the Canadian Rockies as a backdrop for their trail-skiing clientele. Included are six nights and seven days, two half-days (5 hours) of guiding and instruction, maps and trail briefings by certified mountain guides. A Tilden rented car with 450 free miles (gas extra) is available.

at Calgary's Airport. Such a package with accommodation at Chateau Lake Louise and return airfare to Toronto, for example, costs \$304 per person, double occupancy.

Air Canada's Quebec program lists cross-country ski options at such well known Laurentian resorts as Parker's Lodge, Sun Valley Hotel Suisse, Hotel L'Estrel Le Pinotau and Cuttle's Tremblant Club.

In the Outaouais region near Ottawa, cross-country options are offered at the Swiss Alpine Motel at Mont-Saint-Marie and Sheraton Le Marquis in Hull, Quebec.

Quebec City is already known for fine restaurants, its winter carnival (Feb. 5-15) and of course, the big downhill runs at Mont-Sainte Anne. What may be news to many, including Nordic skiers, is the 200-mile network of cross-country trails in the surrounding mountains that make Quebec City one of the most active trail-skiing areas in Canada.

CP Air and Pacific Western Airlines list 10 miles of cross-country trails for their Ski Bird guests at Fairmont Hot Springs in British Columbia. If you are planning to trail-ski among the tall peaks of B.C.'s Kootenay country, remember the dates for Wintertest (Feb. 8-14) at nearby Kimberley; ski touring is enjoyable but dry work.

For further information about cross-country skiing in Canada contact the Canadian

Government Office of Tourism, 150 Kent St., Ottawa, K1A 0H6.



Merry Christmas

Blessed are they who see Christmas through the eyes of a child! May the breathless anticipation of Santa Claus renew our sense of wonder and joy, this happy season. Magical wishes and thanks for your patronage.

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the Christmas
season be filled with
contentment and joy
for you and your family.

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NEWS BULLETIN...North Pole

The loading of Santa's gift bearing sleigh is well under way. Load your camera with film now to capture his arrival at your house on Christmas Day.

Christmas joy

Let us take a moment to wish you and yours all the happiness and good cheer that this Yuletide season brings. We appreciate your friendship and goodwill.



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