

Dragon Boats

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Dragon Boat Festivals are a fun and family friendly event held in June. It is celebrated across Ontario in Ottawa, Toronto, Welland, Barrie, and Sudbury. The event holds cultural significance and tradition dating back as far as 2500 years ago (International Dragon Boat Federation, 2016). In addition, many food vendors provide culturally traditional foods such as rice dumplings and can be enjoyed while cheering on your team!

TIME

This is an all-day event. You can stay for the whole event day or enjoy for an hour. It is up to you!

MATERIALS

- Required: Admission (Free)
- Required: Toronto Dragon Boat festival only, Ferry (\$8.50+ per adult. Approx.)
- Optional: Parking (free to \$40.00+ approx. depending on location)
- Optional: Public Transit (\$3.25+ per fare, depending on city)
- Optional: Spending money for food (\$10+ approx.)
- Optional: Spending money for merchandise (\$10+ approx.)
- Optional: raincoat/Umbrella (\$20.00+ approx.)
- Optional: Pack your own lunch/snacks/drinks (\$10.00+ approx.)
- Optional: camera/video recording (\$200+ approx.)
- Optional: foldable/portable chairs (\$35.00+ approx.)

Note: You can also purchase day public transit passes for the city you are visiting. Prices vary. See resource section for fare rates by city.



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Plan a day/time for this activity to take place. Keep in mind they race rain or shine.
2. Invite your friends, family, and acquaintances.
3. Decide how you will get to the event: car, ferry, taxi/uber, public transit and plan your travel to and from the event. Purchase ferry tickets in advance online.
4. Save and bring money for purchasing any food or merchandise at the event, if desired.
5. Mark the date and time of the event in your calendar.
6. Send reminders to your group the day before to remind them of the event.
7. Pack any food/drinks/snacks with you and bring to the event if you don't want to purchase it there.
8. Pack and dress for the weather, be prepared. 9. Attend the event and have fun.

RESOURCES

- International Dragon Boat Federation -IDBF History & Cluture
- Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival (sudburydragonboats.org)
- TIDRF –Dragon Boat (dragonboats.com)
- FAQ | Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival
- Frequently Asked Questions -Barrie Dragon Boat Festival
- GOVA Plus Specialized Transit (greatersudbury.ca)
- Fares & passes (ttc.ca)•Home | OC Transpo
- Fares (barrie.ca)
- Transit Fares (welland.ca)•Ferry Schedule & Ferry Information | Toronto Islands (toronto-islands.ca)

SUPPORTS NEEDED

This activity can be done individually or with a group.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:

Weather: Dress for the weather. The events will take place rain or shine. It is important to have raincoats and umbrellas packed with you if it could rain. If it is hot and sunny bring :a hat, water bottles, sunscreen, and umbrella for shade from the sun. Wear appropriate footwear for puddles, long walks and standing.

Chairs: Bring portable chairs for sitting. Seating may not be available or may be on a first come first serve basis. You may also want to bring a picnic blanket to sit on.

Toronto Dragon Boat Festival: You must ferry across to get to the event location on Centre Island where you will spectate. Tickets must be purchased online in advance. Jack Layton Ferry Terminal:9 Queens Quay W, Toronto, ON M5J 2H3(at the foot of Bay Street at Queens Quay).Please see resource section for ticket purchase site.