



Festival of Neighbourhoods  
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## Discover your neighbourhood

It's alive, and ever changing!

This year's theme challenges people to embark on a mission of discovery in their own neighbourhood! No matter how long you have lived in a place, you are always learning something new... and that's the beauty. The people, the history, the buildings, the changes through the years and the hopes for the future make the neighbourhood feel like it is alive. Look for the stories on your voyage of discovery!

### The Youth Grand Trunk

Calling all youth to lead activities in their neighbourhood gatherings!

The Youth Grand Trunk is available to youth leaders who want to lead activities in their registered neighbourhood gatherings. In it you will find a large assortment of games, toys and arts and crafts supplies, such as the ever popular parachute, the Tug-of-War rope and items suitable for young children. Book the Trunk early by contacting the Festival of Neighbourhoods, and to complete the Booking form and the Inventory Request.



*Swartz Dubrick First Neighbourhood Party - 2004*

### Year long Festival Season!

Fall and Winter Neighbourhood gatherings can now be registered

Have you brought your neighbourhood together for a Fall Nature Walk, a Halloween Party, or a Potluck in December, a snowy WinterFest, or a Polar Bear Swim? This year for the first time, the festival period has been extended to include activities and projects that occur between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010. Don't forget to register all neighbourhood get-togethers that occurred since last October.

## Don't be a stranger in your neighbourhood!

Taking the first steps to break the ice

Have you ever longed to feel like you really belong in your community? Are you not sure of what you can do to connect? The Festival of Neighbourhoods can be a tool to break down the barriers that keep you from connecting with your neighbours. A small gathering is just a first step, but once you have made an initial contact, it will be easier to wave a friendly hi to your neighbour. Before you know it, you will be introducing neighbours to each other. Not only do you belong, you can also become the glue that holds the neighbourhood together!