



Grasslands Conservation Council
of British Columbia

GRASSLANDS CELEBRATION

June 12, Kamloops

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Celebrate the Magic of Grasslands on a Day of Discovery

The Grasslands Conservation Council of BC (GCC) invites people of all ages to explore and discover the magic of grasslands on **Saturday, June 12th**, at our **Grasslands Celebration** in and around Kamloops.

The day will begin with a ***Festival in the Grass***, with free grassland field tours and family activities. In the evening, a special ***10th Anniversary BBQ Dinner*** will feature delicious local foods, a dynamic guest speaker, art show and silent auction. June 12th will also be the opening day for the ***Children's Grasslands Art Exhibit*** at the Kamloops Art Gallery.

During the daytime ***Festival in the Grass***, experts in their fields will lead field tours on subjects as varied as the grasses themselves, including the animals that live amongst them and how we humans interact and work with all of them. The easy to moderate hikes will range from the rolling hills of the upper Lac du Bois grasslands to the banks of the Thompson River at the Secwepemc Ethnobotanical Gardens.

At interactive displays at the base site in the Lac du Bois grasslands, visitors can get close to grassland animals from the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society and the BC Wildlife Park. And they'll have a chance to try their hand at disc golf! They can also learn about the many projects and research that various organizations are doing to better understand grassland animals and plants and the role grasslands play in climate change.

Refreshed from their day under the open sky, guests can join the GCC at our ***10th Anniversary BBQ Dinner***, where they'll enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner of locally produced foods. Writer, broadcaster and naturalist Trevor Herriot will present a national perspective on grasslands. Guests can also view grasslands through the eyes of artists at the art show and take home a distinctive reminder of the day from the silent auction. Tickets for the dinner are \$35 for GCC members and \$45 for non-members.

The celebration of grasslands will continue in downtown Kamloops into July with children's delightful interpretations of grasslands at the ***Children's Grasslands Art Exhibit*** at the Kamloops Art Gallery from June 12th to July 18th.

We in the Southern Interior are blessed with incredibly beautiful but delicate grasslands. We invite residents to join us on June 12th to find out why ranchers, naturalists, First Nations people, recreationists and scientists are passionate about these lands.

For further information, please visit **www.bcgrasslands.org** or call **250-374-5787 Ext. 203**.

About the GCC:

The Grasslands Conservation Council of British Columbia (GCC) is dedicated to the stewardship and conservation of the rare and beautiful grasslands of our province. We work to build a better understanding of grasslands and provide methods and tools to better care for them, pursuing a vision of healthy and life-sustaining grasslands for current and future generations.

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