



FortWhyte Alive
HUMAN. NATURE.

2012 Corporate Programs Guide



Fresh air nurtures fresh ideas, so try adding nature to your agenda.

Build team strength and cooperation with games and adventure while enjoying nature's best at FortWhyte Alive. Our programs are designed to encourage teamwork, break down political and personal barriers, and improve communication and understanding between co-workers. These benefits contribute to more productive, positive and healthy work environments, and most of all—it's about making work fun! What is good for the mind, body & spirit, is good for business!

Information

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Registration

To register for programs or to book the Lakeside Meeting Room, Siobhan Richardson Field Station and/or overnight cabins, please contact:

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One of three overnight cabins

Year-Round Programs

Traditional Team Building

Build and motivate your team to stay together, work together and achieve together. This program offers the skills to relate to and inspire one another through a series of unique activities.

Fee: \$20/person

Min: 12

Max: 50

Length: 1hr

Aboriginal Games: Team Building

Experience a taste of northern culture by trying your hand at some Aboriginal games including the Holman Island Blanket Toss. This program offers a unique twist on traditional team building.

Fee: \$20/person

Min: 12

Max: 50

Length: 1hr

Digital Scavenger Hunts

Armed with a digital camera, your group will take photos of various scavenger hunt items. This exciting activity will have your team working together, accomplishing tasks, and following clues to solve the mystery photograph.

Fee: \$15/person

Min: 6

Max 45

Little Extras

Add a little extra fun to your program with enhancements such as:

- Bannock baking
- Marshmallow roasting
- Campfire s'mores
- FortWhyte tea on the fire

Fee: \$2/person/little extra

Min: 6

Max: 50

Length: 30min

Orienteering

Test your skills against FortWhyte Alive's permanent orienteering course, designed by the Manitoba Orienteering Association. Your group will be given an introduction to map reading and an overview of the sport of orienteering.

Fee: \$15/person
Min: 6
Max: 50
Length: 1.5hrs

GPS Geocaching

Challenge your group to a high-tech, geocaching treasure hunt. You and your team will be equipped with GPS units that are programmed with target coordinates, called caches. Along the way, you'll encounter challenges and activities which must be completed before proceeding to the next cache.

Fee: \$30/person
Min: 6
Max: 24
Length: 2hrs
Damage deposit for GPS units: \$150 (refundable)

Canadian Prairie Past

Take a step back to a time when the bison roamed the prairie, a time when people's connection to the natural world was a matter of survival. Visit our Pioneer Sod House built from the earth, then stop by the Bison Viewing Mound and discover the importance of this mammal to the Plains Cree. Explore the culture of the Métis, the influence they had on the fur trade, and their connection to the buffalo hunt.

Fee: \$18/person
Min: 6
Max: 35
Length: 1.5hrs



Facility Tour

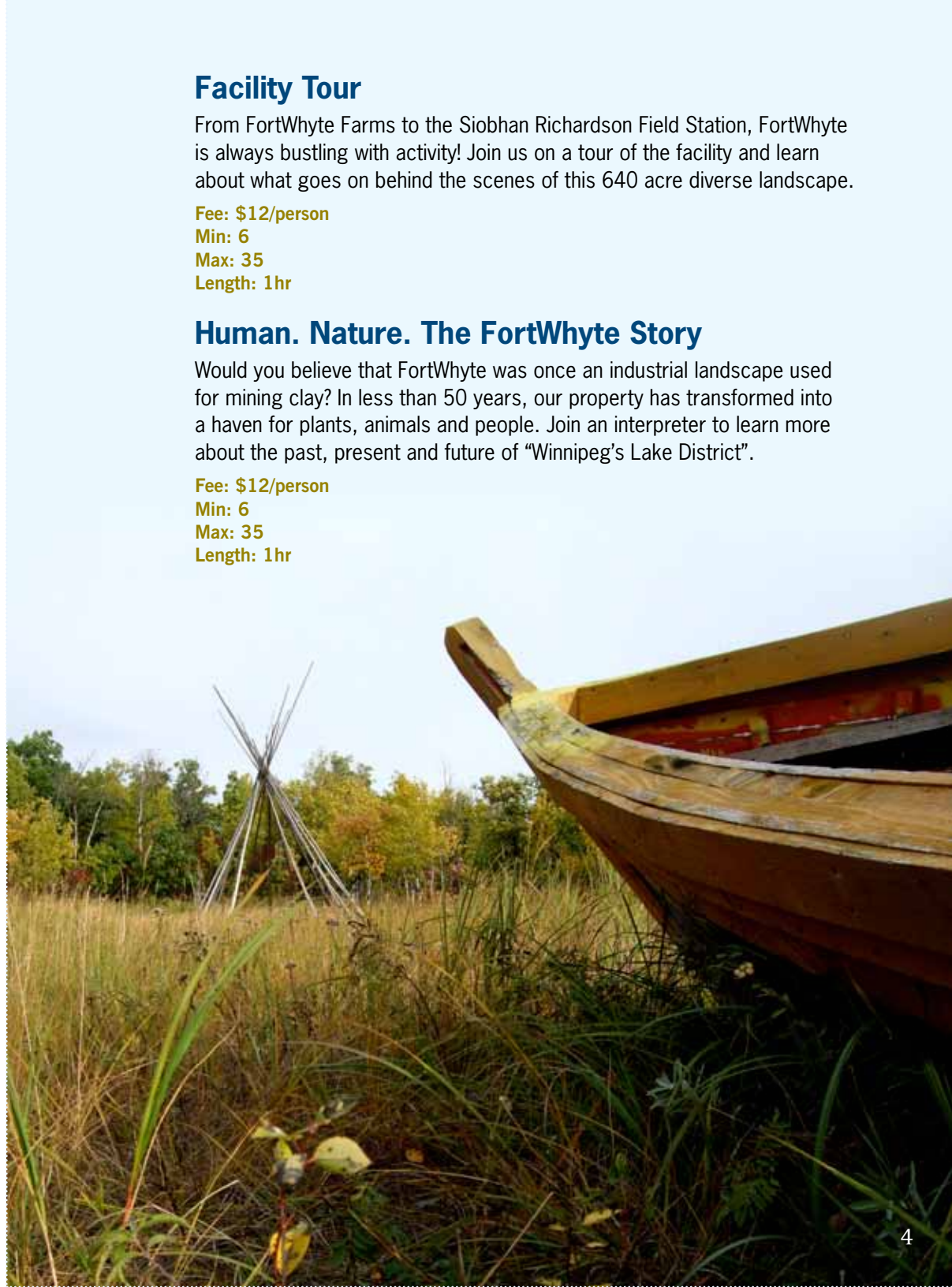
From FortWhyte Farms to the Siobhan Richardson Field Station, FortWhyte is always bustling with activity! Join us on a tour of the facility and learn about what goes on behind the scenes of this 640 acre diverse landscape.

Fee: \$12/person
Min: 6
Max: 35
Length: 1hr

Human. Nature. The FortWhyte Story

Would you believe that FortWhyte was once an industrial landscape used for mining clay? In less than 50 years, our property has transformed into a haven for plants, animals and people. Join an interpreter to learn more about the past, present and future of "Winnipeg's Lake District".

Fee: \$12/person
Min: 6
Max: 35
Length: 1hr



Fall Programs

Bison Safari

This is your chance to see the 9th largest land animal in the world on its own terms. Bison have shaped Manitoba and this is your opportunity to see them as you have never seen them before, up close from inside the fence at FortWhyte. Be sure to bring your camera! Weather and ground conditions permitting.

Fee: \$15/person
Min: 10
Max: 20
Length: 1hr

Migration Magic

Enjoy migration season in style with Dinner & a Show. Savour a delicious four-course meal featuring Manitoba-inspired cuisine and fresh vegetables from our own FortWhyte Farms, prepared by the award-winning Buffalo Stone Café. Our lakeside restaurant offers the perfect view of the setting sun and staging geese.

Fee: \$50/person (including taxes and gratuity)
Min: 10
Max: 20

Atlatl

Test out this traditional hunting method and see how much strength you can muster! Before guns, or even bows and arrows, Aboriginal people relied on the atlatl to hunt bison. The atlatl is essentially a spear thrower, which enabled the hunter to throw a spear much farther and harder than if they were relying only on their own strength.

Fee: \$5/person
Min: 6
Max: 50
Length: 30min

Winter Programs

Snowshoeing

Have some fun, enjoy the outdoors, and get your heart pumping. Discover the wonders of winter while on snowshoes! Explore the far reaches of FortWhyte Alive while utilizing this traditional, invigorating method of transportation.

Fee: \$15/person
Min: 6
Max: 35
Length: 1.5hrs

Cross-Country Skiing

Calling all outdoor enthusiasts! FortWhyte's new 5K of professionally groomed cross-country ski trails are a surefire way to get your blood flowing. Located in the north aspen forest, our trails offer an idyllic back-country setting, only minutes from bustling city life.

Cross-Country Skiing Guided Tour

Fee: \$18.00/person
Min: 6
Max: 35
Length: 1hr

Cross-Country Skiing Self-Guided Tour

Fee: \$12/person
Min: 6
Max: 35
Length: 1hr

Snow Taffy

Sample some tire d'érable, or maple taffy, a delicious French Canadian treat. Made with real maple syrup and served on fresh snow, this winter snack is sure to satisfy your sweet tooth!

Dates: December–March (snow conditions permitting)
Fee: \$3.50/person
Min: 6
Max: 50
Length: 30 min

Lake Skating

Skate the ice rink on Lake Cargill while enjoying picturesque sights of the surrounding aspen forest.

Spring & Summer Programs

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Fee: \$15/ person
Min: 10
Max: 20
Length: 1hr

Voyageur Canoe Ride

Take a step back in time and paddle a North West Company voyageur canoe. Located on Muir Lake or Lake Cargill, this scenic ride will inspire an appreciation for both nature and the life of a voyageur. Our largest canoe can comfortably hold up to 14 adults.

Fee: \$8/person
Min: 8
Max: 25
Length: 30min

Atlatl

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Fee: \$5/person
Min: 6
Max: 50
Length: 30min



Archery

Experience this centuries-old sport at the FortWhyte Alive archery range. Learn the parts of the bow and arrow as well as proper stance. Be prepared to test your hand-eye coordination, balance and concentration.

Fee: \$15/person
Min: 6
Max: 15
Length: 45min

Butterflies, Bison & Bluestem

Hop on one of our Bison Buggies (also known as a golf cart) and explore the northernmost reaches of our property. Keep your eyes open for butterflies, bison and bluestem while learning more about one of the most endangered terrestrial ecosystems in the world – the tall-grass prairie (includes Bison Buggy rental).

Fee: \$25/person
Min: 5
Max: 10
Length: 1.5hrs

A Wealth of Wetlands

Marvel at the diversity of natural systems within Manitoba by investigating plants and animals. Learn why wetlands are considered to be the kidneys of the planet.

Fee: \$18/person
Min: 6
Max: 35
Length: 1.5hrs

Paddling Fun!

Canoe

Glide away on a beautiful scenic lake! Learn different paddling strokes and manoeuvres as well as boating safety. You will also have an opportunity to participate in interactive activities for the whole group.

Fee: \$25/person

Min: 6

Max: 18

Length: 2hrs

Kayak

Enjoy the thrill of powering a kayak across our lakes, an experience your group won't soon forget! Participants will learn a number of skills including how to safely enter and exit a kayak, basic strokes and manoeuvres, as well as how to care for equipment. The program will finish off with some fun activities.

Fee: \$25/person

Min: 6

Max: 18

Length: 2.0 hrs

Canoe/Kayak Sampler

The sampler is designed for the novice or for those wanting to learn the fundamentals of paddling. This popular program will help your team become familiar with basic equipment, strokes, and safety procedures of both canoeing and kayaking.

Fee: \$30/person

Min: 6

Max: 25

Length: 2.5hrs

How to Book Your Program

When you have made your decision, book by calling Visitor Services Manager, Dana Forster. Tours will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your group's contact name, phone number, address, number of participants and name of requested program must be provided before a space can be held.

*Some black-out dates apply so please take note of dates available along with the program descriptions.

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Please Note: In order for us to best serve your group, please make us aware of any special details such as time constraints or group members with additional support needs prior to arriving for your program.

Cancellation Policy

We DO NOT cancel programs. We do have some alternate indoor activities to minimize outdoor time in the event of extreme weather conditions. Groups cancelling at least 14 days in advance of their program will not be charged. All groups failing to show or cancelling within 14 days will be charged 50% of the total fee.

“The team-building activities led by FortWhyte Alive staff supported and reinforced our retreat themes—plus they were a lot of fun! We appreciated their resourcefulness, creativity and professionalism in working with us to both plan and carry out the retreat activities. The location and facilities provided the environment for our team to conclude that it was the best staff retreat ever!”

- Irma McKenzie, Canadian Lutheran World Relief



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