## **Fair Time**



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## WHAT'S NEW at the 2017 Fall Fair

Summer's here and we're going to Party Till The Cows Come Home at the 98th Annual BV Exhibition, August 24-27 at the Fairgrounds in Smithers!

Here at the Fairgrounds we've been working since midwinter to bring you the best, newest (sometimes oldest!) and most exciting competitions, events and shows for the 2017 Fall Fair. Like animals? We've got animals everywhere! – from the cute little lambs and bunnies in the Petting Zoo, to the crazy madcap stunts of the Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show, to the sheer majesty and power of the draft horses – and everything in between.



Want to be a lumberjack? The Loggers' Sports events just keep growing! This year you can sign up on a whim for the Friday Fun Events – like axe throwing and double-buck sawing with the five foot long crosscut saw! Or preregister for the main events on Saturday – including this year's new event, the Underhand Chop, as well as log rolling, choker racing and other crowd favourites.



We love the 2017 Fair theme – Party Till the Cows Come Home! – and we'd love everyone to have fun with it too! Prizes for the best theme display (painting, sewing, paper mache, whatever you like), best scarecrow (what would a scarecrow wear to a Cow Party?) and don't forget the Parade!





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2017 is C a n a d a 's 1 5 0 t h birthday, so we've got a whole raft of Canada 150 events



We had so much happening. fun with the Hog Board Art last year (did you see all those painted pigs??) that this year we've introduced Maple Leaf Art. Pick up a paint-ready twofoot plywood maple leaf from the Fair office, paint or decorate it any way you like, and enter to win a \$50 first prize! Or pick up the paper pattern for the Canada 150 Birthday Logo (from Fabrications, Creative Stitches or online at bvfair.ca) and incorporate it into your next quilting project. Make a Mug Rug, a red-andwhite Birthday Bouquet or bake Canada a birthday cake! Check out the Prize Book for details, you can pick up copies at the Fair office or from merchants all around the Valley.

The Kids' Area is getting so big and so busy that we're actually having trouble fitting everything into the schedule! (But we'll manage it ...) We were so blown away by the awesome Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show that we're bringing them back as our feature attraction for 2017. If you missed out on these incredible jumping, diving, Frisbee-catching acrobats before, here's your chance to see these amazing dogs in action. Even better, ALL of these dogs are rescues - from streets and shelters across North America, they've gone from unwanted strays to the rock stars of the canine world, and they clearly love every minute of it!

New for 2017 is the Okanagan World of Reptiles - a hands-on experience for kids (and braver adults) where you can meet and actually pick up snakes, lizards and turtles. A must for wannabe Slytherins ... And for those who'd love a future in the Indy 500, we're offering the Great Zucchini Races - build a race car from a zucchini, fire it off down the Race Ramp and watch it go! You can also see the world's coolest juggler (Matt Henry the Trained Human), Uncle Chris the Clown, the Kids' Fashion Parade and so much

It's time to start getting ready for the 2017 Fall Fair – where you can Party Till The Cows Come Home!