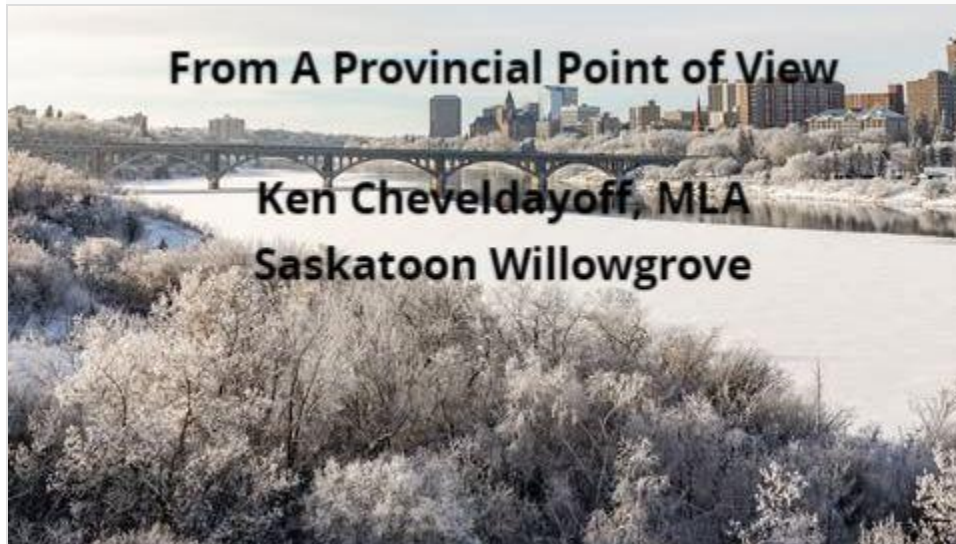


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



**From A Provincial Point of View**

**Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA**

**Saskatoon Willowgrove**

**NEW SERVICES LAUNCH AT SELECT PHARMACIES ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN**

## Increasing Access to Care

New Services in Select Pharmacies



Pharmacists can assess and treat ear infections and/or strep throat in a single visit.

[saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca)

Locations at  
[saskpharm.ca](http://saskpharm.ca)

Saskatchewan!

### ***Patients to Benefit From Strep Throat Testing and Ear Infection Assessments***

Families around the province now have another option to get tested and treated for strep throat and ear infections. The Government of Saskatchewan is launching new services in multiple communities across Saskatchewan, allowing pharmacists to provide one-stop testing for strep throat and ear infections. They will also be able to prescribe and dispense medication to treat those conditions as needed.

Eleven pharmacies have been selected to conduct testing for strep throat and assessment for ear infections, while another 37 sites have been chosen to offer ear infection assessments only. A list of pharmacies and communities is attached. For more information, visit the [Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals website](http://Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals website).

***"We are pleased to launch this project, one of the first in Canada, which allows pharmacists the ability to offer patients greater access to health care services by***

*providing testing and treatment in one visit," Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr said. "With this expanded scope of practice, pharmacists can make greater use of their skills and education, directly benefiting Saskatchewan residents."*

[New Services Launch at Select Pharmacies Across Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2025



**Happy Chinese New Year 2025! Chinese New Year, or the Spring Festival, marks the start of the new year on the lunisolar Chinese calendar, celebrating the end of winter and the arrival of spring.**

**Chinese New Year, is one of the most significant celebrations in China and among East Asian communities worldwide. Spanning 15 days, this vibrant festival is marked by rich traditions such as colourful parades, joyful family reunions, and various cultural activities, celebrating customs that have been cherished for centuries**

**This year, the celebrations will kick off on January 29 and span 15 days, concluding with the Lantern Festival on February 12.**

## SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS FAMILY LITERACY WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan, in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Literacy Network (SLN) and Family Literacy Hubs, is pleased to proclaim January 27, 2025, as Family Literacy Day and January 25 to 31, 2025, as Family Literacy Week. This annual initiative highlights the importance of literacy in everyday family life.

*"Family literacy is fundamental to developing strong language and communication skills in our children and helps increase the quality of life and success in education," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "This week provides an opportunity for families to explore the many ways literacy can be incorporated into daily activities."*

In 2024-25, the government has allocated more than \$1.1 million for literacy initiatives, which includes \$593,000 to support family literacy programming for nine Family Literacy Hubs around the province. The hubs work to raise literacy levels by

increasing public awareness of family literacy and developing sustainable and quality family literacy programs together with community organizations.



[Saskatchewan Proclaims Family Literacy Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**RETAIL TRADE REMAINS STRONG IN SASKATCHEWAN**



## Retail Trade

Saskatchewan  
Ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in Growth  
Among the Provinces

↑ 5.1%

November 2023 to November 2024\*

\*Seasonally-adjusted figure

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 20-10-0056-01

Latest data released by Statistics Canada shows retail trade sales in the province increased by 5.1 per cent from November 2023 to November 2024 (seasonally adjusted), reaching \$2.2 billion. This ranks second in terms of percentage change among the provinces.

*"Saskatchewan's nation leading retail trade numbers demonstrate the strength of our provincial economy," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "This key economic indicator is reflective of our province's thriving local business sector, supported by our strong and stable leadership. The growth we are experiencing is creating new jobs and opportunities for all those who call*

**Saskatchewan home."**



[Retail Trade Remains Strong in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKPARKS 2025 CAMPING RESERVATIONS LAUNCH APRIL 7**

# Plan Your Summer 2025

Reservations begin each morning at **7 a.m. CST**

## April 2025

<b>7</b> <b>SEASONAL LAUNCH</b>	<b>8</b> <b>NIGHTLY</b> Candle Lake Good Spirit Meadow Lake Saskatchewan Landing	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>NIGHTLY</b> Bronson Forest Buffalo Pound Duck Mountain Moose Mountain Porcupine Hills	<b>11</b> <b>NIGHTLY</b> Danielson Great Blue Heron Greenwater Lake Rowan's Ravine The Battlefords
<b>14</b> <b>NIGHTLY</b> Douglas Echo Valley Makwa Lake Narrow Hills Pike Lake	<b>15</b> <b>NIGHTLY</b> Blackstrap Crooked Lake Cypress Hills Fort Carlton Lac La Ronge			

**SEASONAL** campsites are intended for long-term camping and must be reserved for an entire summer season. (May long weekend to Sept. 30/25, unless stated otherwise)

**NIGHTLY** campsites are defined as Camp-Easy, economy, equestrian, backcountry, non-electric, electric or full-service, which can be reserved for individual nights.

**On the day nightly reservations begin, you can also book:** swimming lessons for 2025; and group camping, pavilions, picnic shelters & rec halls for 2025 and 2026.

**SASKATCHEWAN PARKS**

Campers can mark their calendars and start dreaming of summer with the 2025 reservation dates announced. Seasonal campsite bookings in provincial parks will begin April 7 while nightly, Camp-Easy yurt, and group campsites will have a staggered launch from April 8 to 15.

"Saskatchewan residents deserve the opportunity to enjoy our wonderful summer weather with an amazing and affordable adventure," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "This summer our beautiful provincial parks will be offering new events, diverse landscapes, countless trails, and stunning beaches to ensure there is no shortage of activities to be enjoyed with friends and family."





The complete reservation schedule for 2025 is as follows:

**Seasonal campsites:**

- **April 7: All parks with seasonal camp sites available.**

**Nightly, day-use facilities, Camp-Easy yurt and group campsites:**

- **April 8: Candle Lake, Good Spirit Lake, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan Landing;**
- **April 9: Break;**
- **April 10: Buffalo Pound, Bronson Forest, Duck Mountain, Moose Mountain, Porcupine Hills;**
- **April 11: Danielson, Great Blue Heron, Greenwater Lake, Rowan's Ravine, The Battlefords;**
- **April 14: Douglas, Echo Valley, Makwa Lake, Narrow Hills, Pike Lake; and**
- **April 15: Blackstrap, Fort Carlton, Crooked Lake, Cypress Hills, Lac La Ronge.**

Reservations will begin at 7:00 a.m. CST each day.

Read more about fees and see the SaskParks Event Calendar in the full news release:

## INVESTMENT IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT SOARS IN SASKATCHEWAN



### ***Province Ranks Second in the Nation for Month-Over-Month Growth***

New Statistics Canada data shows a 5.7 per cent increase in Saskatchewan's building construction investment in November 2024 compared to October 2024 (seasonally adjusted). This positions the province as second among all provinces for month-over-month growth in this category.



## Growth in Building Construction Investment

Investment in building construction increased by 5.7% from October to November 2024, ranking Saskatchewan second nationwide for month-over-month growth.

> READ MORE: [saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media](https://saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media)

The province also saw an 11.8 per cent increase in year-over-year construction investment from November 2023 to November 2024.

*"These figures reflect the ongoing confidence people and businesses have in making long term investments in Saskatchewan as a place to grow and succeed," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Increased investment in building construction strengthens our communities, supports job creation, and further positions our province as the best place to live, work, and raise a family in the nation."*

[Investment in Building Construction Investment Soars in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

### AN INCREASE IN POST-SECONDARY STUDENT ENROLEMENT



**Since 2014-15, post-secondary enrolments have increased by 24% in Saskatchewan!**



**In 2023-24 there were more post-secondary students in Saskatchewan than ever before, including record enrolments of [#skstudents](#), Indigenous, and international students!**

**For more information on Saskatchewan post-secondary education data, visit: <https://dashboard.saskatchewan.ca/education-learning>**



## **Medicine is Not Always Found In Bottles or tablets**

**Exercise is Medicine.  
Fasting is Medicine.  
Nature is Medicine  
Laughter is Medicine  
Vegetables Are Medicine.  
Sleep is Medicine  
Sunlight is Medicine  
Gratitude And Love Are  
Medicine  
Friends are Medicine  
Meditation is Medicine.**

**MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE OIL &  
GAS INDUSTRY**

**Working with industry partners** to provide introduction to career opportunities for Saskatchewan students through **online oil and gas courses with work placements.**

Energy and Mines - Oil & Gas 20 is available to students beginning in Semester 2



saskDLC.ca



Three additional energy companies are partnering with Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) and Teine Energy to support the creation of new online oil and gas high school courses with work placements.

Cenovus Energy, Vermilion Energy and Whitecap Resources have joined Teine Energy's commitment to provide support and industry expertise to Sask DLC's development of new Energy and Mines - Oil & Gas 20 and 30-level online courses.

The four energy companies, each with operations in the province, are providing a combined total of up to \$160,000 over two years to support the creation of the new courses and to fund a coordinator position to facilitate student work placements and industry engagement opportunities.

*"The energy sector is an important part of our province's strong and growing*

***economy - both locally and globally," Minister Responsible for Sask DLC Everett Hindley said. "It is exciting to see Saskatchewan students will be able to learn about the career opportunities that exist here in our province and gain the skills and knowledge they need to have a successful future in the oil and gas industry."***

[More Opportunity for Saskatchewan High School Students in the Oil & Gas Industry | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



**Did you know? Extra fees or payments outside the initial purchase of a gift card are not allowed. Fees may be permitted to customize a gift card, or to replace a lost or stolen gift card.**

Stay informed about gift card rules to ensure you make the most of your gift. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3COFBtN>

#### VALENTINE'S DIY



Family Fun Saskatoon has the low down on all things delicious this Valentine's Day. Local shops in Saskatoon have DIY Cookies and Cakes for your little ones. If you don't feel like DIY, they have some great treats as well. What better way to celebrate love, than decorating delightful treats with your kids?

Find out more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../diy-cookie-kits-for.../>



## SASKATCHEWAN TECHNOLOGY FUND SEE DOUBLE THE FUNDING FOR SECOND INTAKE



The Government of Saskatchewan is excited to announce the second intake of the Technology Fund, with more than \$50 million available to help Saskatchewan industries reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

*"On the heels of the success of the first intake, I am proud to announce that the second intake of the Saskatchewan Technology Fund will see double the amount of funding available," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "This significant increase reflects our government's dedication to supporting Saskatchewan industries as they lead the way in emissions reduction and innovation."*

During the first intake, the Technology Fund provided more than \$25 million to 13 projects, which are projected to reduce more than 4.5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions, attract approximately \$277 million in private-sector investment, and unlock nearly five million gigajoules of energy savings. Successful proposals from the first intake included projects from Whitecap Resources Inc. and Batex.

[Saskatchewan Technology Fund Sees Double the Funding for Second Intake | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN LOOKING TO REJUVENATE COAL**



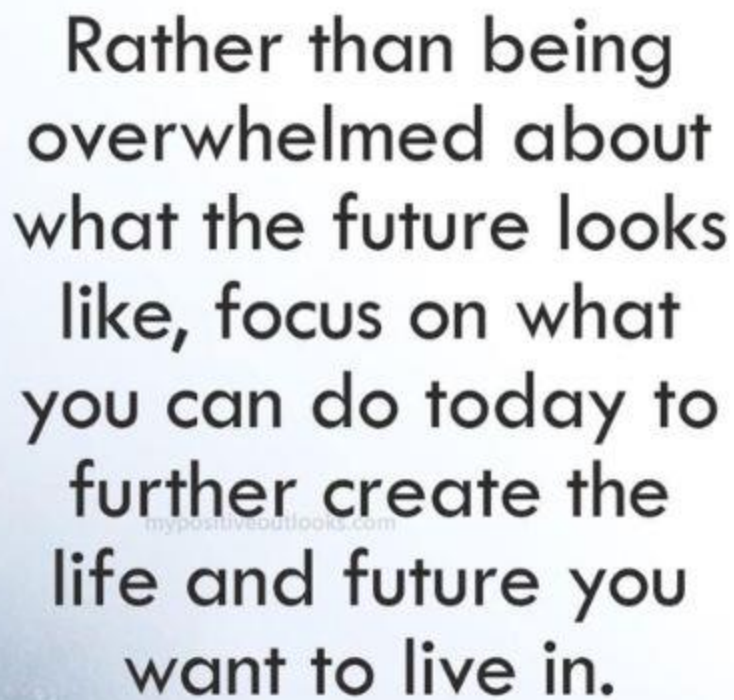
Saskatchewan is looking to rejuvenate coal, not abandon it: in-depth with Minister Jeremy Harrison

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**Our government has provided clear direction to SaskPower that the top priorities for our electricity system going forward will be affordability and reliability. This is what Saskatchewan people have told us they expect.**

**With these priorities in mind, we are closely considering extending the life of our existing coal-fired power plants to provide the affordable, baseload power our growing province requires over the next decade and beyond while we continue to work towards adding nuclear power.**

**Our decisions on the future of power generation will be based solely on what is best for Saskatchewan families and our economy, not unconstitutional federal regulations.**



Rather than being  
overwhelmed about  
what the future looks  
like, focus on what  
you can do today to  
further create the  
life and future you  
want to live in.

— michelle marcos

**CONTINUED GROWTH IN BUILDING PERMITS**



**Continued growth in building permits reflects the confidence individuals and industries have in Saskatchewan's strong and growing economy. Our government's commitment to creating a business-friendly environment and attracting new investments is paving the way for more opportunities in communities across the province for years to come.**

**NUTRIEN WONDERHUB**





**I had the pleasure to meet with Leah Brodie, CEO of Nutrien Wonderhub.**

**We are very fortunate in Saskatoon to have a facility like this in the heart of our city. Even at my age, it was fun to test out the hands on exhibits.**

**Nutrien Wonderhub is Saskatchewan's only children's museum. They bring children and families together to create, learn, and play. At the museum kids explore endless possibilities, enriching their imaginations and their lives.**

**Sharing just one of the great events at Nutrien Wonderhub:**



**Kids Club is BACK for it's third session! This session's activity theme: World Wetland Day! Meeting Location: The picnic tables behind Nutrien Wonderhub. Look for their pink sign!**

**Times: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**What is Get Outside! Kids Club?**

**GOKC is a FREE outdoor program designed for children ages 6-10 and their caregivers. The program seeks to connect families with the land and nature in our city and communities. Through hands-on activities like nature interpretation, play-based learning, environmental education, and art, participants will discover the beauty of the outdoors that exists in our own backyards!**

**Check out their website: <http://www.wonderhub.ca/> or facebook page: [\(2\) Facebook](#)**

**UNIQUE WINTER ACTIVITIES**



**Think you've done it all in Saskatoon this winter?**

**Discover Saskatoon's latest blog reveals the unique winter activities in the city that you probably never knew existed!**

**So plan ahead and experience all the exciting winter fun in Saskatoon!**

**Check out the list here:** <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../unique-winter...>

**CRAFT FAIRS AND MARKETS**



Are you missing the craft fairs and markets? We've started a guide with the ones coming up in 2025! Find February and March Markets, Spring Markets and Summer Markets on our list! If you have anything to add to the list, please let us know. You can find our guide here [ARKETS |: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/craft-fairs/](https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/craft-fairs/)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WHAT'S UP IN SASKATOON THIS WEEK?



It's the last week of January! Here are the things happening this week in [#YXE](#)!

The [Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon](#) is having its 63rd annual Kinsmen Sports Celebrity Dinner. 🌞

Join [Saskatoon Soaps Improv Comedy](#) and enjoy a night of comedy as they kick off their 40th season in Sask! 🎤

Get your popcorn ready as the [Saskatoon Blades Hockey Club](#) plays at home against the Wenatchee Wild at [SaskTel Centre](#). 🏒

[Meewasin's](#) Sip & Skate is still happening at Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink at Nutrien

Plaza. Enjoy a night of skating! 🛼

Catch Groundhog Day on the big screen as [Colosseum Presents](#) offers a special screening of this beloved classic! 🎬

For a full list of events happening this week, check out our calendar: <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/calendar-events>

### WUHCA WINTER FUN DAY



The WUHCA Winter Fund Day is a great place to meet your friends and neighbours. I always look forward to this special day of family fun!

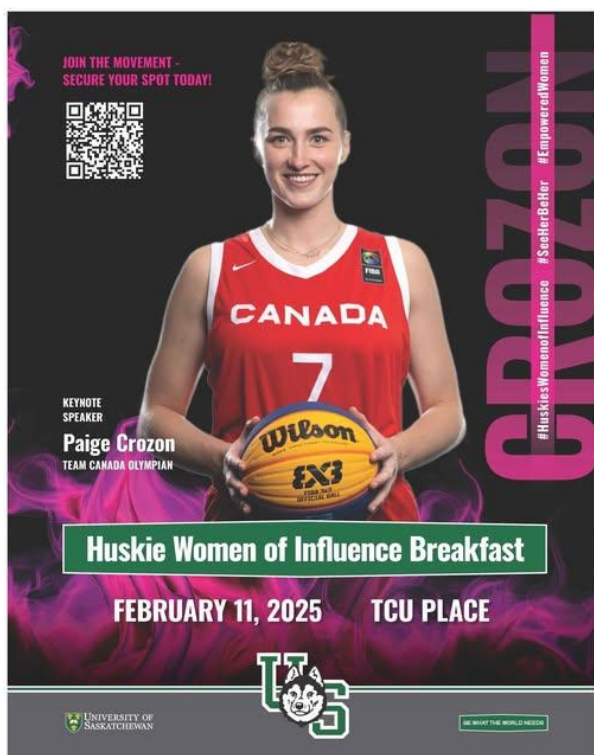
### NSBA NETWORK BREAKFAST



**January 29th at the Saskatoon Club - learn about the importance of mental health in today's workplace**

**Register Here:** <https://nsbasask.com/.../nsba-network-series-mental.../>

**HUSKIE WOMEN OF INFLUENCE BREAKFAST**



The 2nd annual [Huskie Athletics](#) Women of Influence Breakfast, presented by TD, is happening Tuesday, February 11th at [TCU Place](#).

The event, which raises money for University of Saskatchewan women athletes, will again welcome a Canadian Olympian to the stage.

Humboldt product, Paige Crozon, from [Canada Basketball](#)'s 3×3 women's basketball team and the 2024 YXE Urban Games, will be the keynote speaker.

Get your tickets now before it sells out!

<https://usask.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=3200>

**SASKATOON FAMILY EXPO**



Saskatoon's favourite family expo is back! That's right! [Saskatoon Family Expo](https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../saskatoon-family-expo/) will be on February 15 at Prairieland Park. Learn about some of the best family resources in Saskatoon, do some shopping, and take in the amazing atmosphere with a full day of family fun. If you have a baby on the move, you can register them for the Baby Crawl. Be ready to cheer on your crawler at the Baby Crawl and see if you have the fastest baby in Saskatoon. Find out more about how to get tickets to the Saskatoon Family Expo here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../saskatoon-family-expo/>

**ANOTHER GREAT BABYSITTING COURSE!**



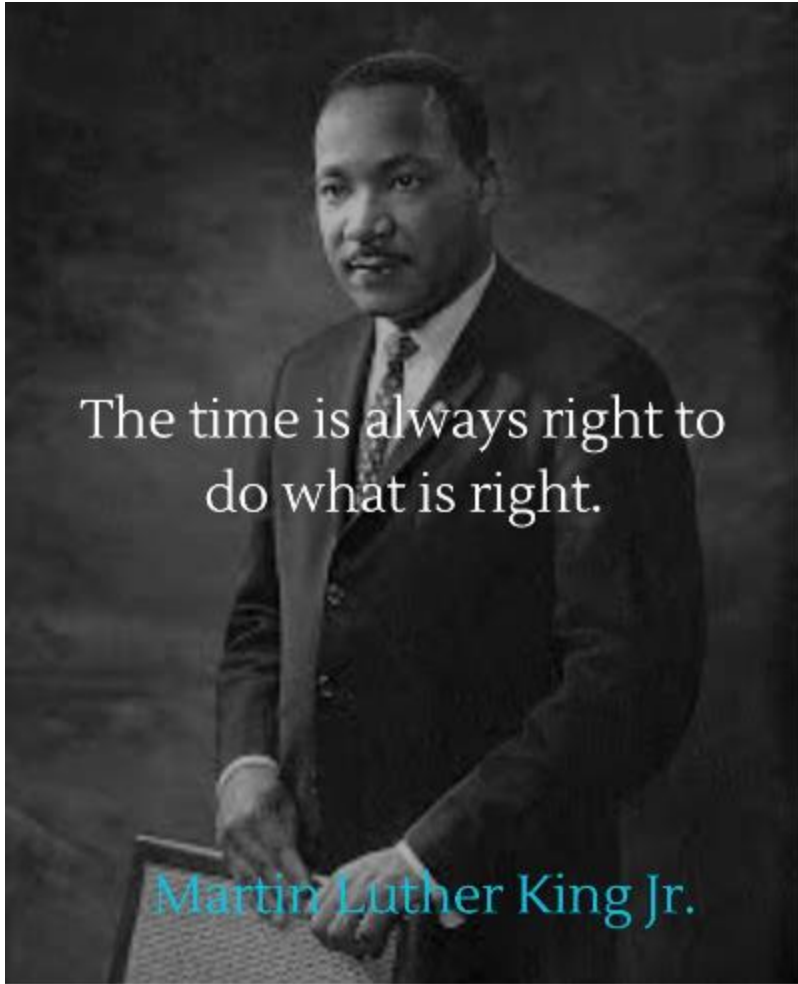
# Babysitting



March 1-2  
1:00pm-5:00pm  
\*Must be 11yrs

Register at [www.erindalearborecreek.org](http://www.erindalearborecreek.org)

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*Your phone calls, letters, and emails help to make a difference by keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.*

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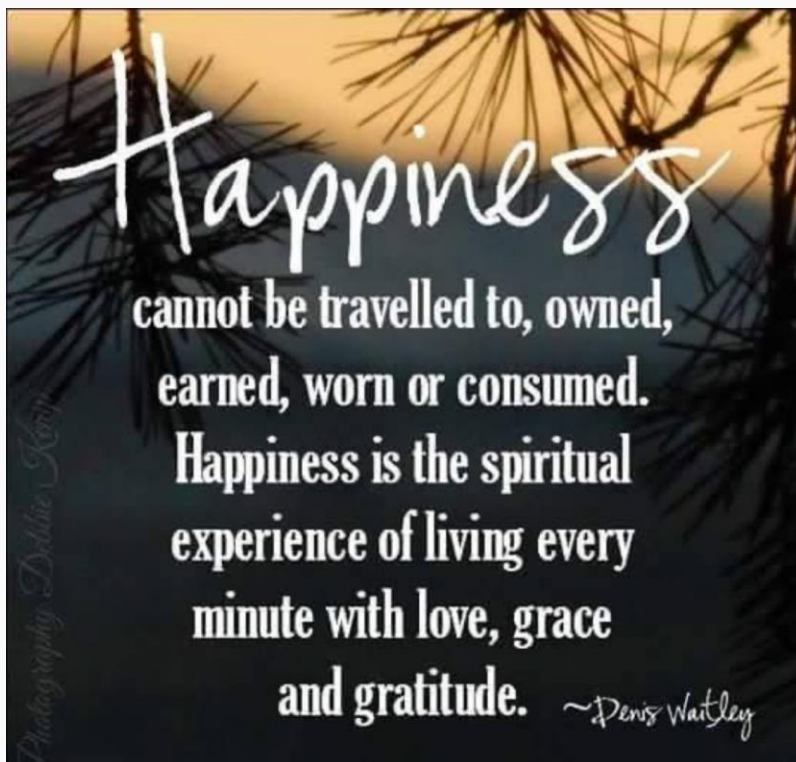
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