

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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Think back to school and make a difference

You celebrated Canada Day in style and the weather is warmer so you are thinking about summer fun. Right?

So why I am bothering to write about back to school? Well, could you pull off a 50th wedding anniversary for 100 people in two weeks? Not likely.

Special events that make our community so rich with activity and caring for one another take months of planning.

Planning is well underway for the 9th annual '*Back to School Bash*' to be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 5:30pm to 8pm at the Parkinson Recreation Centre.

You can watch a clip from last year to get in the mood. It is found at vlf@shaw.ca under 'VLF Special Events'.

This year the goal is 750 backpacks and that means 1,200 guests.

There will be free hotdogs, haircuts for children, new and used clothing, backpacks, children's activities, games, entertainment and prizes. The event is really a mini carnival.

How can you help? You can get involved by donating cash or online gifts. Every \$20 covers the cost for one child to attend and receive a Bentley's backpack.

Sort through your closet and give clean, good quality clothing. Provide a door prize. These donations can be dropped off by August 23rd at the Victory Life office 1634 Bertram Street or LA-Z-Boy Furniture 103-1850 Spall Road.

Are you a hair stylist? Offer your skills for the evening.

Other hands-on ways for you to make a difference include operating a children's activity booth like sponge toss, face painting, animal balloons and cotton candy to name a few.

Volunteers also help with greeting, security, parking, food, prizes and clothing. There are lots of roles needed to make this a safe, family friendly event for our community.

Contact organizers by email vlf@shaw.ca, phone 250-862-3044, or visit our website at www.victorylifefellowship.net.

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