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Benny Birch's Birthday Party

Media Advisory



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BENNY BIRCH'S 24TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Once again it is time to celebrate Benny Birch's Birthday Party. Benny invites his friends of all ages to come to celebrate his 24th party on the grounds of Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital on June 10th, 11th, and 12th.

"We invite everyone to attend this family-oriented event", says Ron Lemarquand, Chair, Organizing Committee. "The grounds at LPH on Algoma Street provide a great venue to spread the party out with plenty of free parking."

We are proud to announce that Smith Boschoff Insurance Ltd. has come on board as a Lead Sponsor this year.

There are lots of food booths, games, Conklin Midway rides, local entertainment on the open-air stage and, of course, Benny's special Birthday cake, decorated by the chefs from the White Fox Inn. New this year "Benny Birch's Idol Contest" on June 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults; children 4 - 12 and seniors are \$1.00; children 3 years and under are **FREE!!!**

Hours of operation are: Friday, June 10th from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday, June 11th from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Sunday, June 12th from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Benny Birch's Birthday Party is a fundraiser that benefits Bethammi Nursing Home at St. Joseph's Heritage. Last year close to 15,000 visitors attended the event. Since the Party began in 1982, approximately \$840,000 has been raised to purchase capital equipment for Bethammi residents.

For more information about Benny Birch's Birthday Party, please call 768-4440.

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