



KAWARTHA HALIBURTON TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION



Celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary at the Kawartha Haliburton Trappers Carnival

(APSLEY—January 24, 2017) – On Saturday, March 4, 2017, join the Kawartha Haliburton Trappers Association as they celebrate **Canada's 150th Anniversary** during the 41st Annual Trappers Carnival at the North Kawartha Community Centre in Apsley, Ontario.

Each year at the Trappers Carnival, guests have an opportunity to experience Canada's rich fur harvesting legacy and learn about traditional and modern methods of humane trapping. Trapping of furbearing animals is one of the oldest activities in Canada, dating back to the 16th century with the arrival of European explorers and settlers. Long before that, trapping was a way of life for many aboriginal peoples and today remains an important source of income for thousands of Canadians.

The carnival features all-day fur handling demonstrations, door prizes, games such as "Guess the Weight of the Beaver", and numerous skills competitions including trap-setting, pelt preparation, nail-driving and more. In addition, guests can access services such as on-site knife sharpening, fur remodeling and repair, new and custom fur creations, trapper information and numerous vendors offering a variety of trapping and hunting-related equipment and supplies.

First held in 1976, the Trappers Carnival was introduced by the not-for-profit Kawartha Haliburton Trappers Association as a fun and interactive way to promote education and increase awareness about fur harvesting and trapping. Fur bearing mammals are a natural, renewable resource and Ontario is home to twenty-three different species of furbearers occupying forests and fields from the southernmost tip to the farthest northern regions. Trappers play a fundamental role in preserving the health and longevity of these species. They are considered the original conservationists and act as important watchdogs over Ontario's fur bearing populations. Trappers are often the first to notice and report on disease and decline in population, and work closely with the MNR providing samples for furbearer studies to help support healthy populations.

The Trappers Carnival runs from 9am-4pm with free admission and free parking. Food and refreshments will be available in support of the Apsley Minor Hockey Association. The [North Kawartha Community Centre](#) is located at 340 McFaddens Road in Apsley, Ontario.

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