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OPEN AIR offers kids a world of discovery Science, gumboot dancing, tarantulas and juggling at free Discovery Camp

VICTORIA, BC, July 19—Open Air is launching a free interactive program for kids at Centennial Square. Based on the success of the ICA FolkFest Circus Camp, Discovery Camp provides families with fun, accessible activities in the heart of the city from July 22 to Sept. 2.

Discovery Camp kicks off Saturday, July 22 with Simple Science. Glenn Kachmar brings 16 years of experience to his dynamic presentations, which teach and entertain children of all ages. His workshop at Open Air is on the Whiz Bang Experiment and the science behind dry ice. (www.outsidetheboxeducation.com)

Future workshops include lessons in South African gumboot dancing (August 12), juggling (August 19) and marimba music (August 26). Discovery Camp concludes on Saturday, September 2 with Tarantulas 101.

Discovery Camp continues from July 22 through September 2 (no Discovery Camp August 5) from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Admission to Discovery Camp is free.

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The complete Discovery Camp schedule follows.

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Discovery Camp Schedule

July 22

1:00pm to 3:00pm: Simple Science with Glenn Kachmar—Learn all about dry ice, find out just how much fun you can have with the Whiz Bang experiment and more. This science show will teach and entertain the child in everyone.

July 29

1:00pm to 3:00pm: TBA

August 5

There is no Discovery Camp this week.

August 12

1:00pm – 3:00pm: Pamwe Gumboot Dancers: Watch and learn. Gumboot originated in the mines of South Africa as a form of entertainment for the black workers who were far from the townships and their families. This exciting high-energy dance will have folk moving in no time.

August 19

1:00pm to 3:00pm: Juggling: Come and watch a juggling club practice. See what it takes. How does a juggler develop the skills to juggle a variety of objects. Practice is the key!

August 26

1:00pm to 3:00pm: Marimba rehearsal: What does it take to make music that is expressive and energetic? Learn about the steel drum and xylophone. Play a shaker or tambourine. This lively group will stop people in their tracks and get them moving in no time.

September 2

1:00pm to 3:00pm: Tarantulas 101: Learn all about these creepy crawlers from an expert.