

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



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**42 SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM NEW MOBILE
MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT**



Starting in early 2026, a new mobile mammography unit will begin providing enhanced breast cancer screening services across Saskatchewan, serving 42 rural and northern communities.



The new mammography unit will screen up to 7,500 patients annually.

With over \$2 million in financial support raised by the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan and the Kinsmen Foundation, this new and modernized unit will bring more timely access to breast screenings for patients across the province. As part of the 2025-26 budget, the Government of Saskatchewan provided an additional \$148,000 in funding to support the new unit and has committed to funding the ongoing future operational costs. An additional \$175,000 in operational funding was

also provided to the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) to support the implementation of a second mobile unit in 2026.



"We are thrilled to see this advanced mobile mammography unit become a reality," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "This investment represents a significant step forward in improving patient access to early detection and diagnosis. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan, the Kinsmen Foundation, and all the donors who helped make this possible as we continue to work together to put patients first."

[42 Saskatchewan Communities to Benefit from New Mobile Mammography Unit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CONSTRUCTION APPROACHING 70 PER CENT COMPLETION ON SASKATOON'S NEW URGENT CARE CENTRE



Construction of the new Saskatoon Urgent Care Centre (UCC) continues to progress, nearing 70 per cent completion. The project has completed essential aspects

including the structure, roofing and interior framing. Drywall installation is actively progressing with electrical and mechanical work ongoing.

"It is exciting to see the progress on the new Saskatoon Urgent Care Centre, knowing the impact it will have in improving access to care for Saskatoon families dealing with illnesses and injuries that require immediate attention," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "Urgent Care Centres put patients first by improving patient flow through emergency departments and ensuring families have access to the right care in the right place and at the right time. With the success of the Regina UCC, we look forward to bringing this model to Saskatoon and more communities in the future."

When complete, the UCC will offer treatment for minor illness, injuries, mental health and addiction supports, that are non-life-threatening but typically require urgent same day treatment.

"I am very pleased that construction on the Saskatoon Urgent Care Centre is progressing as expected," SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister Sean Wilson said. "This important milestone demonstrates our government's commitment to building the health infrastructure Saskatchewan needs now and into the future."

[Construction Approaching 70 Per Cent Completion on Saskatoon's New Urgent Care Centre | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

UPDATES FROM PREMIER SCOTT MOE:

URBAN HOUSING STARTS 1ST IN NATION



A bit of context worth sharing on housing.

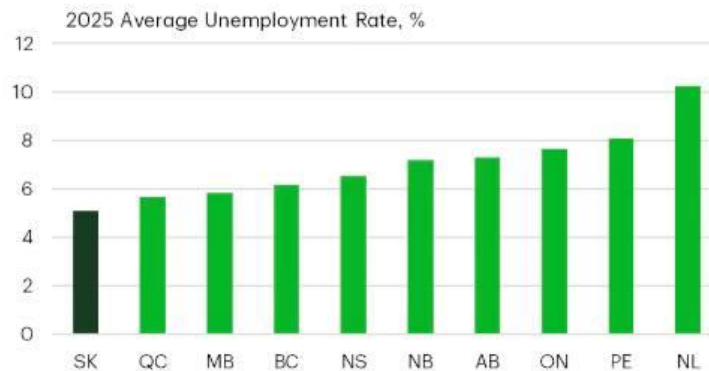
When it comes to affordability, housing supply is critical for home buyers and renters. Saskatchewan is first in the country for housing starts growth so far this year — up more than 41% and shaping up to be our highest level since 2014.

Our Government is working hard to ensure affordability – and it’s not just us saying it. The Conference Board of Canada stated: “...initiatives in the 2025–26 budget and the Saskatchewan Housing Action Plan will help close the gap between supply and demand and improve affordability.”

Our province is one of the most affordable places to live with the strongest economies, no surprise people are choosing Saskatchewan to call home.

SASKATCHEWAN'S LABOUR MARKET

Chart 2: Saskatchewan's Labour Market Among the Healthiest in the Country



Source: Statistics Canada, TD Economics.

More great economic news—this time from TD:

“Saskatchewan’s labour market has been a clear outperformer, boasting the lowest unemployment rate among jurisdictions. Robust employment growth has supported real wage gains and pushed inflation-adjusted retail spending growth ahead of most provinces.”

This success is a credit to the people of Saskatchewan—our communities, their resilience and innovative spirit, and how we are leveraging our strengths to diversify and grow our economy. A strong economy means strong communities.

SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMY GROWTH



More good news for Saskatchewan.

The Conference Board of Canada has us first in the country for employment growth and second for economic growth and that doesn't happen by accident.

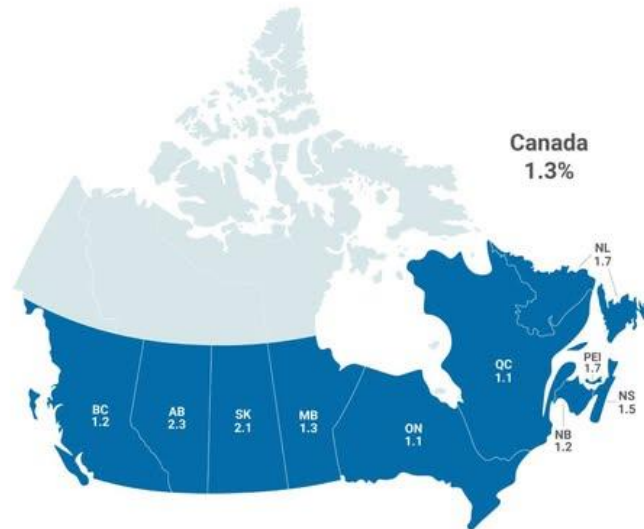
It means more people are working, businesses are confident, and our economy keeps moving in the right direction.

**Credit goes to Saskatchewan people who show up every day and get it done.
Proud of where we're headed.**

RBC'S 2026 GROWTH FORECASTS FOR CANADA

RBC's 2026 growth forecasts for Canada

Annual real GDP growth by province, %



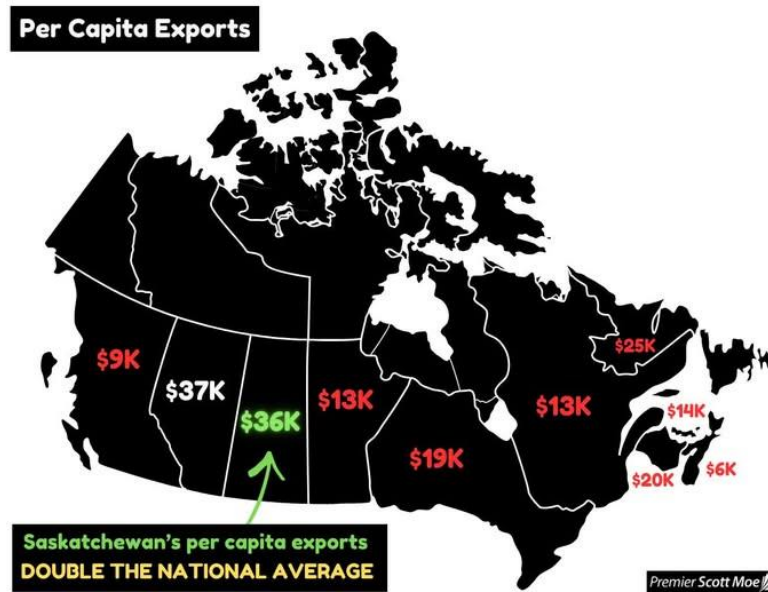
Source: Statistics Canada, RBC Economics

New growth outlooks are out, and Saskatchewan continues to have one of the fastest-growing economies in the country heading into 2026. Strong construction activity and another exceptional year in agriculture are driving that growth.

As the report notes, “Exceptional agricultural production — including record canola output — has boosted our growth expectations for 2025.”

At the same time, trade pressures are real, and tariffs are creating challenges for our producers. That’s why we’ll keep building international relationships and pushing for new markets; standing up for Saskatchewan exporters and keeping our economy strong no matter what comes our way.

PER CAPITAL EXPORTS



New data shows that Saskatchewan exported more per person than almost any other province in the nation last year. The value of shipments from the province to the rest of the world totaled a record-breaking \$45.3 billion and reached more than 160 countries.

Saskatchewan has a great reputation for being a reliable supplier of the food, fuel and fertilizer the world needs, and the international relationships we have built over the years through our trade offices help our province weather global trade uncertainty.

For an export-based economy like Saskatchewan, these numbers mean good jobs and higher wages for workers, attracting private capital investment, and opportunities for entrepreneurs looking to start their own businesses.

Credit goes to workers across our province, all those who produce and ship world class products. Your work helps keep Saskatchewan strong.

VERY PROUD OF OUR POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS!



#USask has placed in the top 10 per cent of universities in the world for sustainability by [QS Top Universities](#). ☀️

#USask ranks No. 1 in several categories in Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2025.

“The research ecosystem at the University of Saskatchewan is a defining strength that positions us prominently on the national and international stages,” said USask President Peter Stoicheff.

“This ranking reflects the tremendous impact our research has in the global community.”

“As the focus on sustainability becomes more and more a factor in the future of our planet, we are proud to see our efforts recognized.”

[USask ranked among Canada's top research universities - News | University of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#) remains a national leader in applied research for a third consecutive year!

Congratulations to Sask Polytech on several impressive rankings on the Infosource list of Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges list!

For the third consecutive year, Sask Polytech ranked first in Canada for completed research projects, with 669 projects finalized in 2023-24, a 39-per-cent increase over the previous year. Sask Polytech also secured first place for number of research partnerships, with 308 collaborations. <https://saskpolytech.ca/.../research-infosource-top-50...>

SASKATCHEWAN WHOLESALE TRADE GROWTH ON TOP

First in Wholesale Trade Growth

October 2024 - 2025

*According to Statistics Canada,
Saskatchewan leads the nation in
wholesale trade with an increase of 12%.*

Statistics Canada announced Saskatchewan experienced a 12 per cent increase in wholesale trade (excluding petroleum, petroleum products, and other hydrocarbons and excluding oilseed and grain) from October 2024 to October 2025. This ranks first among the provinces. Month-over-month also increased 4.6 per cent, ranking second in Canada.



"Our government remains committed to fostering a competitive business environment while improving quality of life, making our province the destination of choice to live, work and raise a family," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "An increase in wholesale trade shows increased consumer confidence, which allows us to attract more investment into the province and in turn spend more on the programs, services and infrastructure citizens rely on."

**PHILANTHROPISTS INVEST OVER \$1 MILLION IN PROVINCE'S HOMEBASE
INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES INITIATIVE**



Saskatchewan's HOMEBASE integrated youth services initiative is benefiting from a generous \$1.05 million philanthropic donation.

Over the next three years, the Bell-Graham Boeckh Foundation Partnership is contributing \$650,000 (which includes \$250,000 from the Morris Foundation) and the McConnell Foundation is contributing \$400,000 to HOMEBASE.

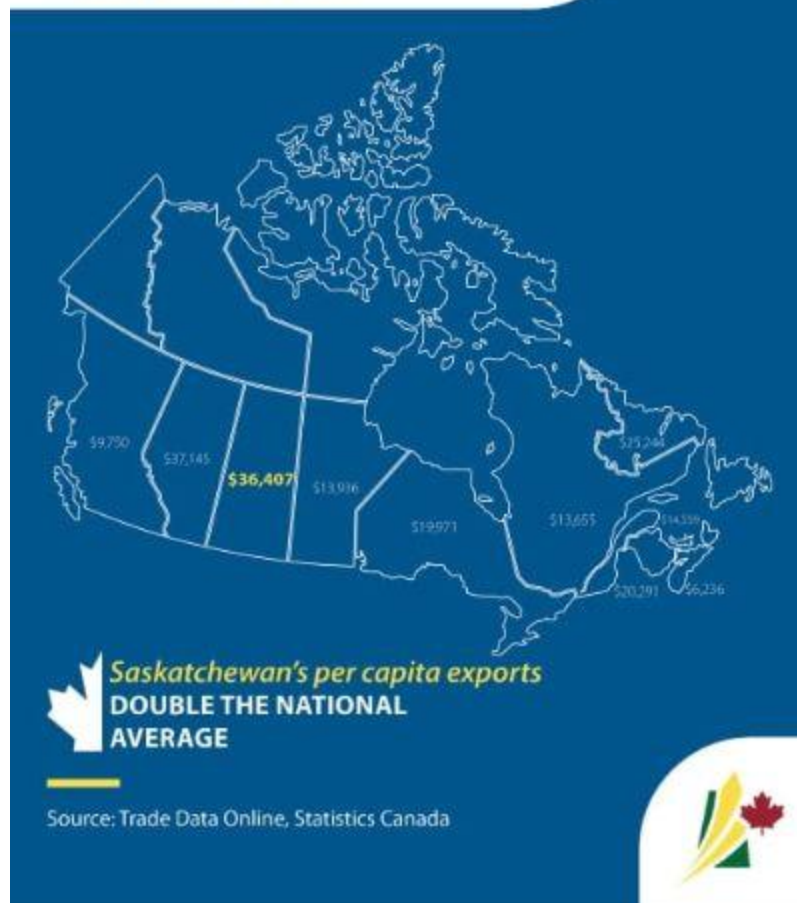
The funding will help enhance services and supports delivered to young people ages 12 to 25 and their caregivers through HOMEBASE hubs in Moose Jaw, Humboldt, Regina, and Sturgeon Lake First Nation and through virtual programming and services.

"Our government greatly appreciates the generosity of the Bell-Graham Boeckh Foundation Partnership, the Morris Foundation, and the McConnell Foundation," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr said. "Today's philanthropic investment in HOMEBASE allows us to build on the incredible work already underway to support our province's youth, connecting young people with the resources they need in the right place, at the right time."

[Philanthropists Invest Over \\$1 Million in Province's HOMEBASE Integrated Youth Services Initiative | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN EXPORTS DOUBLE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Per Capita Exports



According to data from the Ministry of Trade and Export Development and the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership, the province exported more per person than almost any other province in the nation last year. Canada's exports averaged \$18.8 thousand per person, while Saskatchewan's exports were nearly twice as high at \$36.2 thousand per capita, creating more employment, higher wages for workers and opportunities for entrepreneurs looking to start their own businesses.

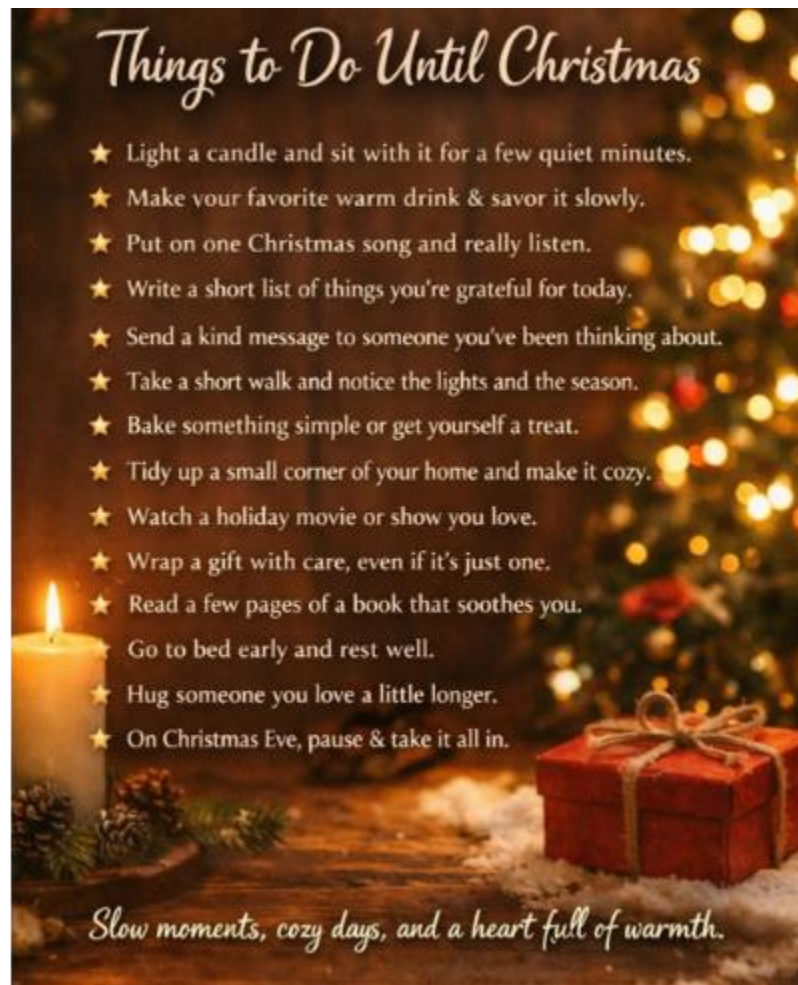
"More capital coming into the province bolsters a strong economy, which in turn creates new jobs and ensures a higher quality of life for the people who call this province home," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "The reliability and quality of our exports also continue to make our jurisdiction attractive to prospective investors."

In 2024, Saskatchewan goods reached over 160 countries, with the province emerging as the world's leading exporter of dry peas, lentils, durum, canola oil,

canola meal, canary seed, mustard seed and oats.

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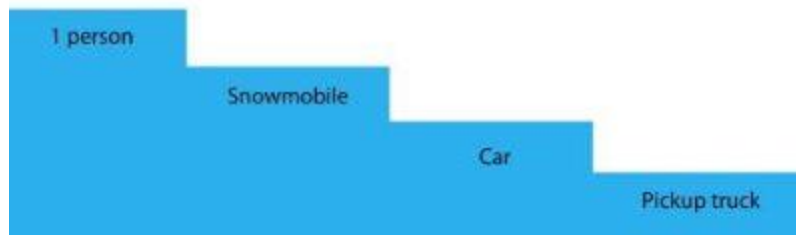
**THE JOYS OF THIS FESTIVE SEASON...
SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, EXPERIENCES, TIME, MAKING
MEMORIES**



**WATER SECURITY AGENCY ENCOURAGES THE PUBLIC TO USE ICE SAFETY
GUIDELINES**



Ice Thickness Guidelines



As freezing temperatures settle in on Saskatchewan, the Water Security Agency (WSA) reminds the public to use caution around all bodies of water as ice thickness varies across the province.

After a milder than normal fall, ice conditions may not be stable on many lakes, rivers, ponds and dugouts for several more weeks depending on weather. When planning any activity on frozen water, it is important to observe recent weather conditions and make sure the ice is safe.

Ice can look solid from a distance but still be thin, weak, or inconsistent underneath. As a guideline, you need at least 10 cm (four inches) of ice to walk on, 20 cm (eight inches) to drive a snowmobile or ATV on, 30 cm (12 inches) to drive a car or light truck on, and more than 30 cm (12 inches) to support a heavy truck.

Also avoid ice that:

- looks slushy;
- has thawed, then froze again;
- is near moving water;
- is layered, caused by sudden temperature changes; or
- has structures on it, such as pressure ridges.

Ice thickness can be unpredictable and difficult to assess at times. To be sure, individuals can follow the guidelines provided and should always check conditions first.

If you have questions, please contact the Water Security Agency at 1-866-727-5420.

**THANK YOU SASKPOWER EMPLOYEES AND ALL THOSE HELPING TO KEEP OUR
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS SAFE**



I join the Premier and sincerely thank SaskPower employees. Thank you as well to the highway and municipal workers for working in these difficult conditions. You are appreciated for all you do!

Premier Scott Moe, "I extend my sincere gratitude to every [SaskPower](#) employee who

worked tirelessly to coordinate and restore service during the recent power outage.

Thanks to your hard work and commitment, communities across our province had their power restored quickly and safely in very challenging weather conditions.

Saskatchewan depends on reliable electrical service, and your skills make that happen.

On behalf of all Saskatchewan people, thank you for your service to our province."

SASKATCHEWAN EXPORTS HAVE GLOBAL REACH



Data from the Ministry of Trade and Export Development and the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP) show global demand for Saskatchewan goods

remained high in 2024. The value of shipments from the province to the rest of the world totaled \$45.3 billion last year.

"Saskatchewan's economy is built on exports, in fact, we export 70 per cent of what we produce," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "These numbers are a sign of a robust economy that is delivering for our citizens, with more capital flowing into the province thanks to our export sectors, we are able to focus on providing the infrastructure and services to Saskatchewan people that they rely on."

Through its network of nine international trade and investment offices, Saskatchewan has explored new export markets while strengthening existing ones. In 2024, exports from the province reached more than 160 countries, exemplifying the success of Saskatchewan's exporters.

[Saskatchewan Exports Have Global Reach | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



Saskatchewan Exports Reach the World

The value of shipments to the rest of the world totaled **\$45.3 billion** last year. That's more per person than almost any other province in the nation.

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ATTENTION STUDENTS!

New for 2026

Expanded Eligibility of our Summer Student Program

That's a wrap on the semester. ✓

While you are on a roll, why not check securing summer employment off your to-do list and submit your application to the [Government of Saskatchewan](#)? Students attending full-time one-year programs and recent graduates are now eligible for summer positions.

Apply today at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../jobs-available-to-students>

ACTIVITIES GALORE!



FAMILY FUN SASKATOON THIS WEEKEND



❄️ Experience the Magic at [Glow Saskatoon](#) until December 28th!

🎵 The Fireside Singers are bringing the heart-warming feelings of Christmas to the audience again this year at TCU Place.

🌲 [BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour](#) is ready to give you a magical drive!

🐾 Snuggle up for a [Champetre County](#) Sleigh Ride.

🚂 [Nitro Circus](#) 'Off The Rails' World Tour will be in Saskatoon this Sunday at Sasktel Centre.

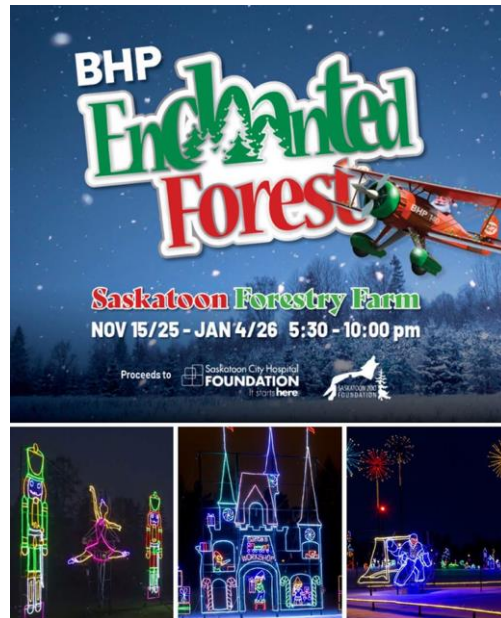
Find more information about these and more events for your weekend here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

QUINN STEVENSON MEMORIAL RINK



Family Skate times at the [Quinn Stevenson Memorial](#) ODR.


ENCHANTED FOREST - A TREASURE IN SASKATOON




It's that time of year again, Saskatoon's most magical traditions, the [BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour!](#) 🌲💡

Bundle up, hop in the car, and take in over a million twinkling lights as you drive through one of Canada's most spectacular holiday displays. 🌲🚗

Whether it's your first visit or an annual family tradition, the magic of the Enchanted Forest never gets old.

 14 NOW - January 4, 2026

 Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

 Tickets available now at the gate!

SNOWSHOEING!



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. Do you have a favourite place to snowshoe?

We've got a list of some of the best spots to snowshoe in and around Saskatoon.

Find it here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/snowshoeing/>

THE HOLIDAY MAGIC OF GIVING MOMENTS, NOT THINGS

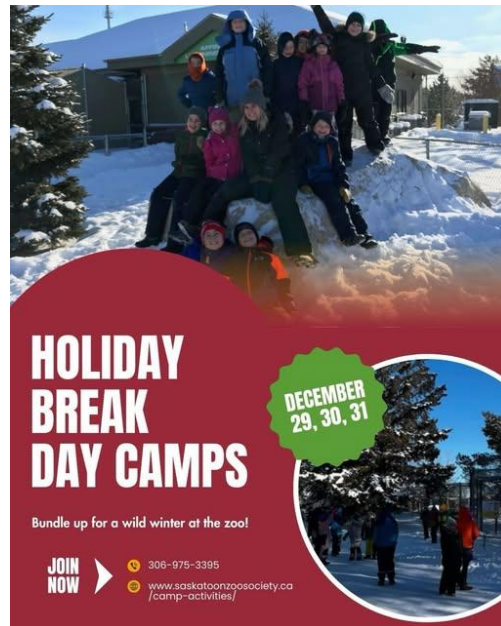


Still stuck on Christmas gifts? Experience-based gifts are a great way to surprise loved ones with something meaningful! 📺

These gifts create stories that last far longer than the holidays. Read our blog to explore experience-based gift ideas available right here in Saskatoon.

🔗 : <http://discoversaskatoon.com/.../the-holiday-magic-of...>

HOLIDAY BREAK DAY CAMPS AT THE ZOO



Do you still need to work while the kids are out of school during the holiday break?!
No worries, we've got you covered! Camp days available December 29, 30 and 31.
Sign up for all or just the one you need. We will stay busy playing games, crafting,
and meeting our animal ambassador friends. - bring all your snow gear as we will go
outside for zoo walks and playground time! [\(3\) Facebook](#)

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES

PRESS RELEASE

[Government of Saskatchewan Reflects on Actions Supporting Reconciliation: 10th Anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[2025 King's Counsel Designations Announced | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Varied Conditions Across the Province at Freeze-Up | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

WATCH FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EDITION NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**Cherish each moment
this holiday season, for
these are the memories
that warm our hearts
year after year.**

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