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Photo contest begins

It's time for The Scope's A Picture Says amateur photo contest.

Residents of Innisfil and the surrounding area are encouraged to submit their community-oriented photos until Sept. 30. Each week, the best submitted photos will be featured in The Scope. Participants will receive an opportunity to win one of three great prizes, including a \$200 travel voucher from Ticket to Paradise, a \$100 basket of healthy living products from The Health Shoppe, a \$50 gift certificate from Davidson's, and two \$25 gift certificates from The Fork and Plate restaurant. The photos can cover a wide variety of topics, including swimming at Innisfil Beach Park, nature and animals, or a local sporting event.

Be sure to include the



Photo by Chris Simon

Ten-month-old Lauren reaches for a frog toy.

photographer's name, and a bit of information on the pic-

ture being submitted, in order to qualify. All entries

can be submitted to editor@innisfilscope.com.

Arts and crafts on display at market

Take a peek at the boutique.

During Fridays in August preview the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association's boutique at the Springwater Elmvale Farmers' Market, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a sampling of the hand crafted, unique items that will be available during the Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair, which runs from Sept. 18 to 20. The fair, which is held annually at the Simcoe County Museum, was started in 1949 by the association. For more information, call the museum at 728-3721 or visit www.simcoecrafts.ca.

Racetrack goes Xtreme

By Chris Simon

Horse racing is about to go Xtreme.

Georgian Downs will be hosting the annual Xtreme Horse Power family night on Saturday. About 5,000 people are expected to attend the free event, which features 18-horse races, cirque-style entertainers, children's games and entertainment, face painting, mimes and fire eaters, and thousands of dollars in prizes, said Georgian Downs marketing manager Jackie Warner.

"We have some wild and wonderful things going on; it's a pretty crazy night," she said. "Not only will the racing be entertaining, but all the other things going on-

site will be as well. We have Xtreme amusements for the children, an equine workshop, jugglers and human statues. You can just come and watch."

All of the races will be unique, featuring unusual distances, miniature horses and other significant differences from a standard evening at the racetrack.

"Everything that you've ever known or seen, with respect to harness racing, we've thrown out the window and reinvented," said Warner.

"It's an innovative night of horse racing. We have sprints and race in the opposite direction. There's not one race that is remotely

familiar or similar to what we usually do here. We'll have a race with our drivers and trainers, where a person replaces the horse."

Since the event began three years ago, it has continued to grow in popularity. The OLG Slots at Georgian Downs expansion will also officially open Aug. 26, which should make staff very busy throughout the weekend, she said.

"It's getting bigger and better every year," said Warner. "Come early. We're going to have a parking lot shuttle with Clydesdale (horses)."

The races begin at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.georgiandowns.com.

Chamber will host business showcase Sept. 30

The Greater Innisfil Chamber of Commerce's

2009 Business Showcase will take place at OLG Slots

at Georgian Downs Sept. 30, from 4 to 7:30 p.m.



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