



July 2025 -- Festival 2025 News Update #2

Happy Canada Day to our Canadian dancers and Happy July 4th to our American friends who will be joining us on the dance floor.

The BC Festival 2025 will be here very soon – 29 days and ‘counting’. The committee is excited and working hard to make this event a fun and successful occasion. Our registration has reached 340 and there is still almost a month for more to come in. If you know anyone who is thinking of registering and has not done so, please let them know **not to put any payment in the mail after July 7th** as we can’t guarantee that it will arrive by July 30th. Tell them to bring their form and money to the festival. However, it would be appreciated if they would send their registration form digitally to bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com so we know to expect them.

Here are just some reminders of the events that will be happening, as well as a few updates and ‘things to know’.

The **trail - in dance** will be held at the Langley Secondary School (21405 56th Avenue, Langley) on Wednesday, July 30th from 7 pm to 10 pm. This is a **FREE** dance for those who are registered for the festival so please make sure that **you wear your ‘I’m registered’ ribbon**. However, non-registered dancers are welcome to come to the trail-in dance (\$10 at the door).

Our programming will start the following day (**Thursday**) with the **festival check-in starting at 11 AM** and dancing from 1:30 pm until 10 pm. Friday and Saturday programming will run from 10 am until 10 pm with breaks for lunch and dinner. All programming takes place at the school mentioned above.

The **trail-out dance** (\$10 per person) will be held on Sunday, August 3rd (2:00-4:30) at the Murrayville Community Hall just a 5-minute drive from the school.

Thursday, July 31st, the evening will begin **Grand March** led by Ray Brendzy. For those for whom this is their first festival, a Grand March is a parade of the participants that precedes the speeches at the opening ceremony. Everyone will line up according to their province/state of residence, in lines of 4 across to walk in. Someone from the province/state will carry the sign we provide with the province's/state's name, at the front of the group. The host area, in this case the BC dancers, will be at the end. We encourage everyone to display their club banners and dress in club colours.

Friday will be our Fifty's theme so dig out your poodle skirts and bobby socks. Sorry men, no ‘blakeys’ on your shoes allowed. Saturday will be Under the Sea theme with ‘sea colours’ – blue, green and white. And Sunday is our trail out dance.



One of our local food establishments, **Cozy Bean Bakery and Café** will be on-site selling beverages (tea, coffee, bottled water) and food, for your convenience. They offer such things as scones, cookies, tarts, squares, sandwiches, chili and hotdogs. They accept Canadian cash and have the 'tap' option for credit cards.

Check out their website <https://www.cozybeanbakery.ca/>

We have had a good response for RV Dry Camping bookings on the north side of the school with plenty of room left for more rigs. This area will also be patrolled by security during the day while everyone is inside enjoying their favorite recreation.

if you are booked to camp, please verify with **Mark Garstin** by text to 778-237-3991 of your arrival date and time. We have the estimated date and time you provided when you registered. Please keep Mark updated. You will be given a parking pass for the dash of your vehicle, so we want you to arrive when our volunteer is there to check you in.

If you still want to book an RV space, there is room for you. Please email Wendy Krueger, co-chair, with your name, cell number, rig type and size, date and time of arrival, what nights you want to camp. Payment of fees is \$40 per night. Please send payment by e-transfer to Wendy using her email address wkruieger@shaw.ca

Stay tuned...

- Parking details -- We are still ironing out the details as to where people can park their cars while they are attending the festival. We will be sending out a final Newsletter about a week before the festival begins to let you know of any final details, such as where you can park your car while attending the festival.
- Dangle Dances -- We are finalizing some venues *for* off-site dangle dances.

For more information on all subjects mentioned above, please check out our website at <https://squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025/>

If you have changed your mind and would like to purchase any of the following, they will be available (while supplies last) during the festival. I have included the equivalent in US dollars for our American friends. Exact change would be appreciated.

- Festival badges (\$10 CDN) -- \$8 USD
- Festival bars (\$5 CDN) -- \$4 USD
- Festival programs (\$5 CDN) -- \$4 USD
- Festival earrings (\$8 CDN) -- \$6 USD

We are looking forward to sharing the dance floor with all of you when you visit us in Langley, BC, located within the Fraser Valley.

See you at the end of the month,

Festival Chairs

Wendy Krueger, Ray Brendzy and Garnet Janus