

Sled dogs coming to Selburrr Fest



PHOTO BY THE GOOD GUYS

Sooki a Bernese Mountain Dog mix from The Good Guys will be giving sled rides in Shelburne on Monday, February 16th for Family Day activities at the first ever Shelbrrr Fest winter carnival. The fun filled family event will take place from 11am-4pm at Fiddle Park with lots of activities and a food booth run by the Kin Clubs of Shelburne. Admission is free.

BY MARNI WALSH

Ten sled dogs are on their way to the first Shelbrrr Fest winter carnival scheduled for Feb. 16th on Family Day. The dogs are from "The Good Guys" a dedicated group of dog owners who support community services through fundraising with their talented canine friends.

Shelbrrr Fest organizer Cherie Sample called The Good Guys group to join the festivities knowing what an attraction they had been at the Caledon Winter Festival. As the Caledon festival was not scheduled for this winter, Carol Ralston, from The Good Guys, said they would be pleased to join Shelburne as it celebrates their inaugural event.

The Good Guys organization was established in the late 1980's when Carol Ralston and Jan

Kay of Schomberg met at a dog training workshop and became fast friends. Carol owns two Landseer Newfoundland dogs, both trained in carting, that will attend Shelburne's winter festivities. The Good Guys was built up over time, starting with Christmas tree pulling at Drysdale's Tree Farm near Alliston, where they have appeared now for 20 seasons. Carol and Jan run workshops out of her half acre property in Schomberg and each spring they offer training in carting for dogs of many breeds.

The Good Guys is completely run by volunteers who share their time, their travel, their equipment and their dogs free of charge to raise funds for local charities, usually child or canine oriented. At Shelburne, all the money raised from the rides will be donated to the Shepherd's

Cupboard Food Bank to purchase pet food which will be given to clients with a need. Carol says that feeding pets can be stressful when food is short on the table and sometimes people give their own food to pets even when they are in great need themselves.

The Good Guys have appeared at Superdog shows, on the Dina Petty Show, Breakfast TV and can also be seen demonstrating carting at the Toronto Sportsmens' Show. "Training with dogs fosters a wonderful bond between the dog and owner," says Carol, and "proper training also helps to integrate the dogs into the community."

The Good Guys' furry friends come in all sizes, and breeds with most of their dogs working as singles, but some in teams. The dogs only pull young children; some pull little carts, depending on the surface, others pull sleds of various sizes - depending on the dog. The group also brings dogs just to pet, gives carting demonstrations that introduce their training methods to guests, as well as showing off some of the fun things you can do with a trained carting dog.

Shelburne and area kids will have a great time meeting three Landseer Newfoundlanders named Mabel, Seamus and Lily; a Labradoodle and Goldendoodle named Timex and Casio; Luna a Bernese Mountain Dog and Sooki a Bernese -mix; a Rottweiler named Buck; Zenata a mix breed; and Gus and Gerald two black Newfoundlanders.

The charge for a dog sled ride is \$2 and all funds will go to the Food Bank. So load your pockets with Toonies for your little riders, and enjoy Shelbrrr Fest packed with fun winter activities, as well as a food and beverage booth. The event is taking place at Fiddle Park (south past No Frills) from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday, February 16th, Family Day. Admission to the winter carnival is free - donations accepted.

Crossroads Community Church

Sunday January 25th, 2015

The cold morning did not deter us from coming into the Lord's presence to praise and worship Him. Pastor Don greeted everyone with a warm smile, shared announcements and prayed," Dear Father God, we humbly come before You to ask for your guidance through Your Holy Spirit, with His help let us understand your Word and Your Will for us, In Jesus Name, Amen."

How many of us like to take trips? Well the next 5 weeks we will journey through the teachings of Jesus and learn from his sermon on the mount on how to be his followers and grow into a closer relationship with Him. We will discover what is truly important in God's Kingdom and what He expects from us as His followers. Jesus says," You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless," Matthew 5:13. This means that we are to live a life of good influence on the world around us just like salt adds good flavour to food. We do not want to be like the Pharisees and have a negative influence which is compared to yeast; you only need a little to puff up a whole batch of dough, however just a little salt slows down the yeast, (Matthew 16:6). So as followers we can positively slow down the negative evil in our world.

Salt is also a preservative, it prevents foods from going bad, so Jesus comparing us to salt means we are to prevent the decaying of our society by keeping morality intact, speaking up against injustices and maintain a social conscience, (1 John 2:17). A few examples of how Christians have done this are establishing Food banks, abolishing slavery, fight against human trafficking and send relief and funds to countries suffering after devastation strikes. God's will for us is to make a positive difference in the world, as Bob taught on holiness last week, God set us apart for His good purposes, (1 Peter 2:9).

Jesus is this same sermon called us the light of the World, (Matthew 5:14-16). Light removes darkness, it reveals danger, it clears the path, it helps us find what we seek. That light is Jesus so we need to allow Him to shine through us guiding those who seek to find Him, (John

1:3-5). When we invited Jesus to reside in our hearts, he changed our lives, He took us out of the darkness and brought us into His light so our testimony should be reflected in not only our words but in our actions so people can see the difference Jesus can make for them, (Ephesians 5:8-9).

People want to see a sermon before they listen to one, like the old saying goes, "Preach at all times, use words when necessary."

Another point Jesus addressed in His sermon was anger. Jesus came to show us how to live, to be loving and kind, anger certainly doesn't reflect that. Anger is serious and Jesus didn't take it lightly so He took it a little farther when He said that if you are angry with someone you will receive the same judgement as a murderer, (Matthew 5:21-22). The apostle Paul even reminded us to not go to bed angry or else the devil can get a hold of you, (Ephesians 4:26-27). And John the disciple also repeated Jesus' teaching when he said if you hate your sister or brother you are a murderer in your heart, (1 John 3:15). You see Jesus didn't deal only with the act of murder but the attitude behind it, and when we follow Jesus it is not an attitude we should keep, we need to let Jesus change it. If we remain angry or if someone is angry with us, it can interfere with our relationship with God. So before we come to worship we ought to forgive any grievances we may have with one another, (Matthew 5:23-24). Jesus' teachings

also tell us that if hatred is in our hearts than we cannot claim to love God, it makes us a liar, for with Jesus in us it becomes second nature to love and forgive, (1 John 4:20-21). When we stay angry we remain captive to that anger, to the situation and we cannot have peace much less love, so settling issues with each other will set us free.

Beloved Jesus is more interested in the attitude and condition of our hearts and if we allow Him to change our hearts then it will become easier overtime to obey the commands of God, this is why he calls us to a higher standard than simply not doing something sinful but he wants to remove the attitude behind the sin. Jesus said Anger equates to murder, that lusting equates to adultery, coveting leads to stealing etc. Perhaps this is why Jesus said that if you your right hand causes you to sin cut it off, figuratively speaking it was the attitude behind the sin he was referring to, the thing that causes us to fall into sin. Jesus was tempted in every way we are today and he never sinned so we can absolutely trust him to transform our attitudes to reflect Him, to purify our hearts and minds, to resist the temptations of our enemy, Jesus is our High priest, our helper, our friend and His desire is to see us live in love and harmony, He wants to give us His righteousness, his goodness and to see us free from the evil one, so we ought to make every effort to come close to Jesus and He will come close to us! Asherey Shalom

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"Forget Everything And Run" or
"Face Everything And Rise".
The choice is yours.
- Zig Ziglar

If you kept a record of our sins,
who could escape being condemned?
But you forgive us, so that we should stand in awe of you.
I wait eagerly for the Lord's help and in His word I trust.
- Psalm 130:3-5 (GNB)

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