

COMMUNITY



From left: The Good Sheppard Catholic School Grade 6 student Mekhi Sylvestre-Boxe gets a lesson from historical interpreter Chris Walsler on how to play lacrosse; Grass dancer Daniel Secord performed with the White Pine Dancers.

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons welcomes 2,000 students

National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrated

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Sainte-Marie among the Hurons was the place to be on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Approximately 2,000 students attended on June

21 in more than 50 buses plus another 800 members of the public for the festivities, said Candice Moreau, co-ordinator of marketing and media relations.

It's a popular place to bring schoolchildren because there is lots of live

entertainment, demonstrations and hands-on activities in addition to the museum, gift shop and vendor display, she said.

The event included corn husk doll making, clay Oki making, bone game making, lacrosse demonstra-

tions, fire starting demonstrations, musket firing and entertainment from Indigenous peoples from across Ontario and as far away as Mexico.

For more events this summer visit the website: <http://on.ca>.



Clockwise from top left: Men's traditional dancer Chris Warner; Tonatihu Salinas of the Tlacopan Aztec Dancers performs the fire dance; The White Pine Dancers invited the audience to come up and dance with them at the end of their performance; Gabriel Robinson, Jerome Lavoie, Isaak Giguere and Samuel Turcotte play with their crafted bone game; Teresa Snider, of Orillia, helps her son Jakob make a corn husk doll; Fancy shawl dancer Kaitlyn Douglas performs; Andromeda Diaz, a member of the Tlacopan Aztec Dancers performs.

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