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As I hope you know by now, this year's Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, and Guelph lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered pride celebration will be held on Saturday June 20, from 1 to 5 pm, in Kitchener's Victoria Park (by the clock tower).

Here is a list of answers to [not so] frequently asked questions:

Q. Will there be food and drinks available?

A. There are a limited number of food and drink vendors in the park itself, and we are close to downtown Kitchener. The pride event itself won't be organizing food and drinks, so you may want to bring a picnic lunch. If the day looks to be sunny, we particularly recommend that you bring (non-alcoholic) drinks.

Q. Will there be music?

A. Yes, there will be DJs playing a variety of music.

Q. Will there be speeches, and will they be boring?

A. Yes and no (in that order). We have invited people from various local groups to speak for a few minutes (no more than 5 minutes). One of the main purposes of the event is to put people who do stuff in contact with people who wonder what there is to do.

Q. Will I be able to find out more about community groups?

A. Yes! Many local groups will have information tables and be actively recruiting.

Q. Will there be shade?

A. There will be a tent covering the information tables. Other than that, we have a large, flat, open space with no shade. Bring a hat.

Q. Will there be somewhere to sit down?

A. We encourage people to bring blankets and sit on the ground. There will also be a limited number of picnic tables. For people who are not feeling well, there will be a small number of chairs in the shade. If you have concerns about being outside in the sun all afternoon, please (1) think about what you can do [yourself or with friends] to make things better for you and (2) notify me or someone else on the pride committee.

Q. What is my group doing on pride day?

A. Good question. Many groups have information tables, and some of them are providing speakers. KWAC/Front Runners (the swimming, running, and walking group) is talking about organizing an outdoor event. If your group hasn't already arranged for an information table, talk to Jim Parrott: jrparrot@library.uwaterloo.ca

Q. Do you still need volunteers?

A. Yes! During the day, we need volunteers to help set things up, take things down, do security, and so on. Contact me at 725-9980 or steveh@easynet.on.ca

Q. If I volunteer, do I get a uniform?

A. Nothing with boots, if that's what you mean, but you will get something fashionable that identifies you as a pride volunteer.

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