

Big top comes to Stouffville

Tomorrow morning, a four-storey tent will be raised at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in preparation for two days of clowning around. The Starr Bros. Big Top Circus will perform Friday at 5 and 7 p.m. and Saturday at 3 and 7 p.m. The shows are sponsored by the Stouffville Optimist Club.

Guests will be impressed by the trapeze work of Estrelita Vermillion of the Mexican International Circus, spellbound by the Sensational Standlans and their dizzying aerial feats and entertained by Spoofo the clown.

For ticket information, call the Optimist Club at 640-8109.

Ride for the Rouge May 13

Ride for the Rouge bike-a-thon is a scenic trek through the quiet city streets and country roads in the Rouge Valley, raising funds for projects that contribute to the preservation of the Rouge and its natural and cultural heritage.

Participants can choose either a 25-kilometre or 50-km route through the terrain of the largest natural habitat in an urban setting in North America.

The May 13 event starts at 9:30 a.m. at Pearce House in Scarborough, opposite the main entrance to the Toronto Zoo. Pledge forms are available at libraries, community centres and the civic centre.

Call the Rouge Valley Foundation at (416) 282-8265.

Celebrate No Diet Day

Markham is celebrating International No Diet Day this Saturday with a short walk in the park.

Anyone wanting to participate can join between 9:30 and 11 a.m. at 10 Unionville Gate (south of Hwy. 7 off Kennedy Road). Organizers urge residents to clean their closets of clothes that don't fit, donating the cast-offs to charity. The donation bin will remain in the parking lot until Monday.

Healthy lifestyles fair Saturday

Good living is the focus of the healthy lifestyles fair set for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Hosted by the Town of Markham recreation department, the fair offers seminars, information and fitness demonstrations. The fair will be held at the Rouge River Community Centre, 120 Rouge Bank Dr., west of Ninth Line and north of 14th Avenue.



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Brother Andre Catholic High School student Victor Reynoso is backed by school mates (from left) Joyce Ortega, Jade Lee, Diane Serpanchy, Megan Lodenquai, Sachel Jones and Alicia Gordon as they prepare for Friday evening's fashion show.

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