

PRINCE AND THE Prior



**150 years ago,
the Prince came to Arnprior.**

**On July 3, 2010,
he comes again!**

Join us to celebrate an extraordinary
historical re-enactment of the 1860 visit of the
Prince of Wales to Arnprior, Ontario

A bit of background

In 1860, Queen Victoria sent her eldest son, Albert Edward, to British North America and the United States. He opened the Victoria Bridge in Montreal, he set the cornerstone of the parliament buildings in Ottawa, and he came to Arnprior. At the time, there were only 46 houses in the Town of Arnprior but word got out about the royal visit and an astonishing 5000 people showed up to watch the Prince arrive in a flotilla of canoes. His escort (or *suite* as it was called) included an honour guard of Algonquin paddlers.

Arnprior is recreating this event—the Prince, the canoes, the paddlers and much, much more. In addition to the pageant on the beach, there will be fiddlers, singers, dancers, and lumberjacks. There will be horse-drawn carriages, vendors peddling period wares, women in hoop skirts, men in frock coats and about 100 people in period dress who will circulate through the crowd entertaining visitors with historical and background information.

Cannons will announce the arrival of the prince. Horse drawn open landaus will carry the young royal up the hill to the stately residence that was once the home of the lumber baron Daniel McLachlin. In 1860, the Prince planted an oak tree that stands today on the grounds of what is now the Galilee Centre. And...the Prince was served a very elegant lunch.



**Robert Simpson Park, Arnprior • 10 am – 4 pm
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