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THE TIM HORTONS OTTAWA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL IS FUN FOR KIDS **The Tim Hortons Childrens Area Offers a Weekend of Free Kids Programming**

OTTAWA, June 15, 2010 – The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival (THODBF), the largest dragon boat festival in North America, has announced its line-up of children's programming for the festival's Tim Horton's Children's Area. The THODBF takes place at Mooney's Bay, June 18 - 20, 2010.

The THODBF has something to offer the whole family. If the non-stop action of dragon boat racing, a comprehensive assortment of exhibitors and concessionaires, as well as music and multicultural acts on the Royal Oak Main Stage don't keep the younger festival-goers entertained, the Tim Horton's Children's Area is sure to do the trick. The kids area boasts a wide assortment of activities including a bouncy castle, face painting, Little Ray's Reptiles, Radical Science, Tim Horton's Soccer, and a Children's stage where various acts like magician Chris Pilsworth will perform. The Tim Hortons Children's Area opens at 10:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday, entry is free of charge. For full details on all scheduled entertainment for all stages on site, please visit the THODBF website at www.dragonboat.net.

"We love offering something for kids to enjoy," said John Brooman, Executive Director of the THODBF. "It's great to see families at the festival, being exposed to a wonderful sport like dragon boating. Since the festival usually runs over Father's day, we like to make it family friendly so everyone can come down and find something they'll really enjoy."

About the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival

The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival is the largest dragon boat festival in North America. It features both competitive and recreational racing, cultural and musical entertainment, a variety of vendors/exhibitors, and family oriented activities. The festival began in 1993 with assistance from the Hong Kong Canada Business Association and has grown to a 3-day sell-out with 190 teams and 5000 paddlers, and over 65 000 spectators. Each year the Dragon Boat Foundation supports local Ottawa charities. Recipient charities for 2010 include Sens Foundation / Project S.T.E.P., CHEO Foundation, Bruyère Foundation, ArtsSmarts, Ottawa Humane Society, University of Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research, and Debra Dynes Family House. For information visit www.dragonboat.net.

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