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AFTERNOON SHOWS and EVENING CONCERTS

ADULTS \$1.00 — CHILDREN (under 16 years) 50c

Indian Village

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: 2 O'CLOCK

Camp Fires of the Stony Tribe. Daily occupations of these people in and out of the teepees. The Medicine Man's Sun Lodge; Bow and Arrow making. Buckskin and Beadwork displays; the Squaw and her Papoose; Indian Brave and Hunter, and dozens of other scenes that will thrill and delight you. There will be a Bow and Arrow contest, Musical Drums on Horseback, also Pitching Teepees contest, as well as judging of best equipped Teepees and Medicine Lodges; Packing the Camp Pony; Man and Wife; Women's Tug-o-War, Kid's Foot Races; Cowboy Stake Race; Consolation Bucking—non-winners only.



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Banff National Park - In The Canadian Rockies

DIRECTORS

Honorary President: N. K. LUXTON
 STONY CHIEFS: Jake Two Young Man (Chimiki Band); Tom Snow (Wesley Band); David Bearsapaw (Bearsapaw Band)
 COUNCILLORS: Tom Koquitts, Johnny Powderface, Jonas Rider, Eddie Hunter, Judias Hunter, John Dixon
 EVENTS: Jack White, Charlie Bell
 PARADE JUDGES: Mrs. Pearl Moore, Mrs. Catharine Whyte
 ANNOUNCER: Joe Squires
 President: CLAUDE BREWSTER

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THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY

TRIBAL PARADE

Starting at 9:30 a.m. the entire Stony Tribe will Parade Leaving the Indian Village at race track, headed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the parade will travel along Banff Avenue to the intersection of Muskrat Street, passing the Y.M.C.A. to Moose Street, down Moose Street to Banff Avenue and south to Wolf Street, west on Wolf Street to Lynx Street, south on Lynx to Caribou Street, then east to Bear Street, north on Bear Street to Wolf then east to Banff Avenue, thence along Banff Avenue to the Bow Bridge where the parade will halt and the judging of Indian costumes will take place. Here is where the visitors may photograph their souvenirs of Banff Indian Days. Following the judging, the parade will move on, past the Mineral Springs Hospital, to the Banff Springs Hotel where prizes for the best dressed Indian man, woman, and child, also for the attire most closely depicting the early Indian before the arrival of the horse, will be presented in front of the hotel.

EVENING CONCERT AT 7 P.M.

The evening concerts are most interesting. Native dances dating back to hundreds of years ago, accompanied by tom-tom drums and singers — the War Dance, the Chicken Dance, the Deer Dance, the Arrow Dance and many others.

Nowhere else in the whole of America's Indian tribes have the old songs and dances been so well preserved, weird and wonderful songs and acting, dating back for hundreds of years. The music taken from the sounds of battles and war, or the more weird and gentle harmony of the wind, the noise of water falling, storms over the mountains, echoes of the canyons and cliffs, or the still music of the night, and so it goes—something to be seen and never forgotten.

EVENING CONCERTS

AT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL ATHLETIC GROUNDS

Starting at 7 o'clock

- 1—DRUM DANCE SONG IN STONY LANGUAGE.
- 2—CHORUS, WOMEN'S VOICES, IN STONY.
- 3—SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SQUARE DANCE.
- 4—CHORUS COMPETITIONS of the Four Different Bands of the Stony Tribe (only four drums allowed)
- 5—DEER DANCE: Led by Amos and Hanson Bears paw.
- 6—TOM-TOM WAR DANCE AND SONG.
- 7—WAR DANCE: Joe Two Young Men, Lot Two Young Men, Johnson Frances, Joe Kootenay, Hanson Bears paw, Eddie Hunter, Phillip Poucette.
- 8—CHICKEN DANCE: Earl Wildman, Jack Labell, Frank Kaquitts, Stanley Rollingmud, Scottish Rollingmud, George Rollingmud, Gordon Hunter, George Labell.
- 9—WOMEN'S CHORUS OF MELODIES WITH THE MEN'S VOICES JOINING IN—Sung in Stony.
- 10—OLD-TIME CHORUS: The few left of several hundred — were taught to the Indians when small children by the early missionaries many years ago Sung in Cree and Stony.
- 11—RUNDLE POUCETTE: Novelty Sounds.
- 12—THE OWL DANCE: The Stonys invite white man to join in this dance.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Race Track (2.30 o'clock)

(One Mile East of Banff)

Busses Leave Hotels at 2 p.m.

- 1—HALF-MILE RACE: Once around track. (Chiefs wear headdress.)
- 2—SLOW RACE: Riders ride other man's horse. Last horse in wins.
- 3—ONE MILE DASH.
- 4—RELAY RACE: Each rider has two horses. At the word "Go" he runs 100 yards, saddles one horse, races around the track, unsaddles, then saddles the second horse and races once more around track. First in wins.
- 5—DEMOCRAT OR WAGON PIE RACE: Driver and assistant eat pie, then harness team of horses to wagon and race around track. First in wins.
SPECTATORS MOVE TO CENTRE FIELD SEATS.
- 6—BANFF CHAMPIONSHIP BRONC RIDING CONTEST WITH SADDLE: Regulation Stampede riding rules to apply. Riders scoring highest marking on the day's ride to receive respectively, 1st, 2nd and 3rd day money.
- 7—BANFF CHAMPIONSHIP BAREBACK BRONC RIDING CONTEST: Regulation Stampede riding rules to apply. Riders scoring highest marking on the day's ride to receive respectively, 1st, 2nd and 3rd day money.



Associate Directors and Advisors of Banff Indian Days

J. D. Anderson, Dr. G. M. Atkin, T. W. Balderston, W. Bryan, W. A. Brewster, Frank Christou, L. S. Crosby, Earl Gammon, Nick Grandmaison, B. Mitchell, C. C. McCartney, Jim McLeod, Ike Mills, George Noble, Lorne C. Orr, Chas. Reid, Carl Runguis, B. I. M. Strong, Jack White, Peter Whyte.

Fully Supported by the Banff Branch of the Canadian Legion, Kinsmen Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Banff Advisory Council.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Race Track (2.30 o'clock)

- 1—HALF-MILE DASH: Once around track. (Chiefs wear headdress.)
- 2—CIGAR RACE: Each rider supplied with cigar and matches, runs 100 yards, saddles horse, races once around track. First rider in with cigar smoking wins.
- 3—ONE MILE DASH.
- 4—RELAY RACE: Each rider has two horses. At the word "Go" he runs 100 yards, saddles one horse, races around the track, unsaddles, then saddles the second horse and races once more around track. First in wins.
- 5—DEMOCRAT OR WAGON PIE RACE: Once around track.
SPECTATORS MOVE TO CENTRE FIELD SEATS.
- 6—SLOW RACE: Rider rides other man's horse. Last in wins.
- 7—CHAMPIONSHIP BUCKING WITH SADDLE: Regulation Stampede riding rules to apply. Riders scoring the highest markings on day's ride receive respectively, 1st, 2nd and 3rd day money.
- 8—BANFF CHAMPIONSHIP BAREBACK BRONC RIDING CONTEST: Regulation Stampede riding rules to apply. Riders scoring the highest markings on day's ride receive respectively, 1st, 2nd and 3rd day money.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Race Track (2.30 o'clock)

- 1—HALF-MILE DASH: All winners. Indian bred horses only.
- 2—HALF-MILE: Boys under 14 years.
- 3—ONE MILE CONSOLATION RACE: Non-winners only to enter.
- 4—GREEN HORSES, HALF-MILE.
- 5—DEMOCRATS OR WAGONS: Once around track.
SPECTATORS MOVE TO CENTRE FIELD.
- 6—BANFF CHAMPIONSHIP BRONC RIDING CONTEST FINALS: Regulation Stampede riding rules to apply. Riders who placed on Thursday and Friday and others according to the judges' markings.
- 7—BANFF CHAMPIONSHIP BAREBACK BRONC RIDING CONTEST, FINALS: Regulation Stampede riding rules to apply. Riders who placed on Thursday and Friday and others according to the judges' markings.
— Judges Decisions Are Final —
- 8—TUG-O-WAR ON HORSEBACK: Winning team gets paid.

SUNDAY

Church Services

CATHOLIC CHURCH, Lynx Street, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.;
ANGELIC CHURCH, corner of Beaver and Buffalo Street, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Banff Avenue and Wolf Street, 11 a.m.;
UNITED CHURCH, corner of Banff Avenue and Buffalo Street 11 a.m.

JUDGING—Stony Indian work is judged on the quality and good choice of beading, designs, and whether the work is old or new. An all buckskin outfit well put together will get points. The coverings on the horses, types of saddles and bits or hackmores. The headdresses are made from Eagles feathers trimmed with ermine (weasel) tails. The best dressed cowboy and cowgirl, the oldest Indian and the Medicine costumes are judged.