Open House 2008: Rethinking outreach

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What do you get when one of Canada’s leading comprehensive universities throws open its labs and lecture halls for a day? One smart party! Join us at Open House 2008 for an afternoon of exploration and excitement at Simon Fraser University’s Burnaby campus, Saturday, May 31 from noon to 4:30 pm. Learn more at www.sfu.ca/openhouse2008.

Michael Stevenson, President and Vice-Chancellor

» Can I bring the kids?

They’ll be mad if you don’t!

With diversions and distractions to appeal to all ages, SFU’s Open House 2008 is the perfect playground for a family outing. One likes math and another prefers music? It’s all here: robots, synthesizers, candy floss, and carnival games; dancers, volcanoes, walking tours and science puzzles. Just be sure to pick up a program guide when you arrive on campus to help plan the day’s activities. You can also find the complete line-up of activities at www.sfu.ca/openhouse/activities-events.html.

» Isn’t it a hassle getting up the hill?

SFU’s scenic main campus on Burnaby Mountain is just a short transit ride from downtown.

Share our spirit of sustainability and take the SkyTrain to Production Way/University station and then hop a #145 bus to SFU, or from downtown, pick up the #135 SFU bus that travels along Hastings. If you’d prefer to bring the car, campus parking will be free all day.

» Where do I sign up?

No RSVP required!

Just make your way to SFU’s Burnaby campus between noon and 4:30 pm on Saturday, May 31. And don’t worry about getting lost; there’ll be plenty of volunteers standing by to point you towards the fun.

» Have you ever crossed the pond?

It’s a rite of passage.

Every SFU student looks forward to crossing Arthur Erickson’s dramatic reflecting pond on the way to collecting a degree on stage in Convocation Mall. If you’re part of SFU’s growing alumni community—now almost 100,000 strong—come back for a trip down memory lane. And don’t miss the laughs during a special TheatreSports performance just for you at 1:30 pm in the SFU Theatre; details at www.sfu.ca/alumni.

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