

Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend kicks off on Saturday August 9th with its annual parade in Gillies Bay at 11 am. This year's Grand Marshall, Stan Smith, will lead the parade, along with the RCMP, our own piper Mike Irving, children on their decorated bikes, a number of very creative floats, and our local First Responders and Volunteer Fire Fighters in their equipment.

After the parade, the Family Zone, with a Wet/Dry Bouncy Castle, face painting and other kid activities, is ready for the fun to begin at the Old School, just before the Gillies Bay Ball Park. Do not forget your towels – or the parent who is required to stay with their child.

Or, head to the ball park to enter or watch the Bed Races, and saunter slowly by the well-loved Car Show and Shine instead.

There's time to also head to the water at Gillies Bay Beach to compete and/or watch the Skim Jam Boarding Competition. Entry is open for everyone to enjoy and for a chance to win prizes!

Do you want to look the part? How cool do you want to be, or feel? Our Texada Island Hand Tie-dyed T-shirts will be waiting for you at the Information Booth, just before the Gillies Bay Ball Park. All sizes and colour combinations from which to choose and purchase.

And, what's an outdoor party without local food vendors, Artisan vendors - and the Legion Beer Garden? They'll all be there waiting for you at the ball park on both days. A great way to spend one or two afternoons!

Then, as the evening sun sets on the first day of Sandcastle, people head down to Shelter Point Park for the Lip-Sync Contest. Open to all ages — no talent necessary! The evening wraps up with a dazzling professional Laser Light Show, where you can dance the night away!

***Keep in mind there will be a small entry fee to enter the Bed races, Skim Boarding, Lip-Sync and Sunday's Sand Sculpture Competition.*

A Sunday Sunrise Service at the beautiful Shelter Point Park will begin the day at 8:00 am at the beautiful Shelter Point Park. Then it's onto the Pancake Breakfast between 8:30 and 11 am at the Texada Community Hall in Gillies Bay.

Sand Sculpture Competition starts at 10 am and is time for the Teams to head to the Gillies Bay Beach to register and to start building their prize winning sand sculpture. The top three teams in each category - Adult, Family, Teens & Children - win cash prizes.

Judging Sand Sculpture is done by People's Choice – that's you, the viewing public (except for The Most Sand Moved Award – we have an engineer for that). So, whether you build one or not, get out on the beach and vote for your favourite!

Voting and Sand Sculpture Building finishes at 2:30 pm.

Don't want to sculpt? Finished judging the sculptures, or not ready to? Surround yourself with cuteness at the Gillies Bay Ballpark for the Sandcastle Dog Show. Or, better yet, bring your pup and enter to compete in the two categories – costume and agility. Always fun to watch and cheer on your favorite fur baby!

Awards at the Gillies Bay Ballpark at 3:30 will end a day of sun, sand, and smiles.

Texada Sandcastle Weekend is a weekend of Community and family fun, where it's always nice whatever the weather! We look forward to seeing you!