## Halifax to host Atlantic Canada's largest outdoor and RV expo

The 39th annual Atlantic Outdoor Sports & RV Show will come to the Halifax Exhibition Centre from March 10-12.

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Outdoor enthusiasts have a lot to be excited about as the largest outdoor sports and RV expo in Atlantic Canada prepares to return to the Halifax Exhibition Centre this March.

From Friday, March 10, through Sunday, March 12, the 39th annual Atlantic Outdoor Sports and RV Show will take place at the Halifax Exhibition Centre in what has become the largest gathering of outdoor enthusiasts in Atlantic Canada. Organized by Nova Scotia-based Darwin Event Group, the massive trade show focuses on outdoor sports, fishing, boating, camping, hunting, forestry and more.

Kori Levy, who serves as the event, account and social media manager for Darwin Event Group, says she's excited about going all-out for this year's festivities.

"[In 2020], we were cutting the red ribbon and opening the show at the same time the announcement of COVID restrictions came down," says Levy. "We didn't even make it to the end of the day before the show was shut down."

Now back to full capacity with 100,000 square feet of non-stop family entertainment and more products to sample and enjoy, the 2023 show is set to be bigger and

better than ever.

Chief among returning favourites this year is the Scott's Timber Show, an action-packed performance where lumberjacks compete in everything from log rolling to canoe jousting, with plenty of comedic hijinks to entertain the whole family.

The year will also see the return of Chef Mike Schroeder's popular Wild Game Kitchen, where sampling is back on the menu for an array of recipes and flavours from around the world

Celebrities will also be in attendance, including 16-time Guinness World Record-holding chainsaw juggler Ian Stewart. The weekend will feature meet-andgreets with The Curse of Oak Island stars and local celebrity divers Mike Huntley and Tony Sampson, and



The largest gathering of outdoor enthusiasts in Atlantic Canada, the Atlantic Outdoor Sports and RV Show is a unique combination of a trade show and festival. PHOTO CREDIT: Contributed

Stihl Timbersports champions Marcel Dupuis and Allison Briscoe.

With its unique combination of trade show tradition and entertainment, Levy believes the magic of the Atlantic Outdoor Sports and RV Show is in its interactive flair and dynamic approach that encourages participation from showgoers.

"It's not just a show where you wander around and look," says Levy, emphasizing the importance of the full experience. "There's a lot to do for all ages, for kids right up to seniors – everyone will have something to enjoy."

Reflecting on the show's reputation

loving Atlantic Canadians, Levy is proud of the various exhibitors, entertainers and vendors who work hard to offer the best show possible each and every year.

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"We're the only show in Atlantic Canada that has that entertainment portion in addition to the RV's, boats, powersports and more," says Levy. "We have the most value that you can get for a ticket for any event in Atlantic Canada"

For more information on the Atlantic Outdoor Sports & RV Show, please visit <u>sportsandrvshow.com</u>