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FESTIVAL TIME -- Come and join with the Women of the Kootenays at their annual Women's Festival, August 12th. and 13th. This major fundraiser for the West Kootenay Women's Association is once again being held at the beautiful Valican Whole in the Slocan Valley.

Friday night a bonfire and sing-a-long will start off the week-end. Workshops on Saturday are centered around this year's theme 'THE FORBIDDEN FESTIVAL'. Topics for the workshops include Women and Power( on women and leadership), To See OURSELVES ( a little workshop that's big on body image), Rediscovering our Playfulness, A Women's Quest ( a workshop on Spirituality), Homophobia ( breaking down the barriers between heterosexuals and lesbians) and Rethinking the Revolution ( focusing on key issues and developing workable strategies. A barbacue, vegetarian and non-vegetarian, Saturday night will be followed by a Theatre Sports performance and then we'll bogie into the night. Theatre, music, poetry and hopefully a singing workshop and performance by the Images Ad Hoc Singers will highlight Sunday's four hour Stage. Other events include an Arts and Crafts Bazaar, Children's activities, camping, swimming and lots of guaranteed sunshine.

An admission price of \$35 includes all meals although we ask each person to bring a side dish for the Barbacue. Also this year we are asking for a 1 hour work commitment. No woman nor child will be refused admission lack of ability to pay.

Women who wish to reserve a display space at the Bazaar or those wishing to perform on Sunday's Stage are asked to pre-register by Aug. 1. For more information contact the Woman's Festival Committee at the Nelson Women's Center at 601 D Front Street, Nelson, B.C. VIL 4B6 or call 352-9916.

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