



Caching for Kidneys fundraiser set for April

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Plans are already underway for the third installment of the Caching for Kidneys fundraiser.

This year, it is taking place on April 15 at the Melfort curling rink.

The previous two Caching for Kidneys events took place in October at Spruce Haven Park.

"We thought that a lot of people were nervous of the park. If it snowed, they wouldn't come out thinking it's cold in the tent even though the tent is heated. This year, we thought, well, we'll book a place where the weather won't be an issue. We're also trying the season of spring as opposed to fall because fall seemed to interfere with so many other things and we thought this would be better timing," said organizer Mary Dancey.

The fundraiser focuses on kidney health.

"Every day in Canada, approximately 14 people have learned that their kidneys have failed and I am one of those people," said Dancey.

"Caching for Kidneys will help to bring awareness to kidney health and funds from this campaign will go to kidney research and to support programs and services for families living with kidney disease."

One new thing this year will be a kidney screening test on April 2 and April 3 at the Melfort Mall.

Also new this year, there will be a "learn to geocache" event, Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Melfort Public Library.

The event is looking for volunteers including volunteers to help gather prizes beforehand.

"At the event, we need a few more cooks and a few more selling tickets because we're expecting a bigger turnout this year so we need to have more hands on deck," said Dancey.

People interested in volunteering can contact Dancey via email at info@cachingforkidneys.com or by phone at 752-5877.

More information about the event can be found on-line at www.cachingforkidneys.com.