

## Update from the Attractions

The Timmins Gold Mine Tour season opened on May 18th with a Grand Opening that saw over 50 representatives from local hotels attend a special Twilight Tour of the Gold Mine Tour and the Shania Twain Centre. This was the first of several special events being planned for the attractions over the next several months.

The Gold Mine Tour is currently running under its Spring schedule with two tours a day at 10:30 and at 1:30 while the Shania Twain Centre is open from 9am to 5pm. The Summer season for the attractions will begin as of July 1st with Gold Mine tours at 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30am and 3:00pm while the Shania Twain Centre will be open daily from 9am to 8pm from Monday through Friday and from 9am to 6pm on weekends.

Please note that the Canada Day celebrations will take place at the Gold Mine Tour on July 1st with special performances from local groups, half price Gold Mine Tours and the official cutting of the Canada Day cake. festivities start at 9am and will conclude at 1pm.

For more information on the attractions please visit [shaniatwaincentre.com](http://shaniatwaincentre.com) and [timminsgoldmine-tour.com](http://timminsgoldmine-tour.com)

## Fan Convention Update

Hello Everyone, Plans are well underway for the Third annual World Wide Shania Twain Fan Convention and we are looking forward to an even bigger and better convention than last year's. There are a number of activities planned including a bus trip from Toronto with a special tour of Deerhurst Resort, where Shania performed early in her career, along the way. This year's convention is scheduled for August 17th to August 20th during which time the delegates will be in our community. This year we are expecting guests from seven European countries (England, France, Switzerland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Austria), nine U.S. states (Indiana, New York, California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan and Washington) and three Canadian provinces (Ontario, Alberta and Quebec) with plenty of time remaining for more registrations.

Our events are taking shape and we will have a complete list ready for everyone closer to the convention date. Be sure to visit our website at [www.shaniatwaincentre.com](http://www.shaniatwaincentre.com) to see the list of scheduled events.

Last year, everyone enjoyed spending time with JD Blair and Cory Churko (two of Shania's band members) so we have invited band members again this year. Schedules permitting, JD and Randall Waller will attend this year's event. Both of them are looking forward to meeting everyone and maybe we can convince them to dance on Shania's stage with us! JD may even put on another drum clinic!

Well, we should get back to planning the convention. Take Care,

**Tracy Hautanen, Customer Service manager, Shania Twain Centre**

## From the Fans

Are you ready for the best kept secret in Canada? It's a secret you can share with your family and friends. The secret is simply this: Timmins Ontario.

I have spent three wonderful vacations in Timmins and have already made reservations to return in August of 2005. \*What is there to do in Timmins?\* you may ask. The variety of opportunity spans the interest scale spectrum. I've pulled trout out of a lake and I've enjoyed fine dining in a seafood restaurant. I've descended deep into the hollow of a gold mine and climbed the majestic mountains on the outskirts of town. I've purchased handcrafts made by an Ojibwa Indian and rang charges on my credit card at the shopping mall. I've warmed a hot dog over an outdoor bonfire and warmed my soul by meeting the local residents that are so friendly that they've actually invited me into their homes for dinners and even a weekend BBQ.

So how did I originally find Timmins? It's called the Shania Twain Centre. Yes folks, I'm a huge fan of Shania's music. That's what originally drew me to visit Timmins. But I return now for the friends I've made and for the surroundings that make Timmins one of the best kept secrets on earth. It's a wonderful place for a family vacation.

**Richard E. Sessions, Goshen, Indiana, U.S.A.**

