

will be adding a new Pay-Once-Visit-Twice option. Our new Pay-Once-Visit-Twice ticket will allow employees to enjoy two visits to the park for a cost of \$51.13 or just over \$25 for a visit!. Please Note: The Pay-Once-Visit-Twice ticket is not transferrable to another individual for the second visit. Both visits must be made by the same individual. This will be verified by front gate staff on the second visit based on the original signature on the reverse of the ticket. Please be reminded that we do not have discount season passes.

There will be no new rides opening for the 2010 season but there will be new shows premiering. New for 2010 is Snoopy Rocks on Ice for the kids and Rock Band Live for the adults. The Kids' section has been totally revamped and the entire park now sports a Snoopy and Peanuts theme. Returning this year will be the Endless Summer Ice Show, Dive and Stunt Show and the ever popular Victoria Falls High Divers.

Another regular summer discount is from the fine folks at Wild Water Kingdom who will once again be with us this year. We will be doing ticket sales through the office and for those people who prefer to do on line purchases you can go to [www.wildwaterkingdom.com](http://www.wildwaterkingdom.com) and access the Passes and Prices /On Line/Corporate Consignment purchase option. When you are asked for an identification number ours is 1386 and then all you need to do is follow the prompts. As with all Money Miser deals there is a very good savings to be had here too. The regular adult admission price this year is \$29.96 and the senior/child price is \$22.48 plus tax. The specially discounted credit union tickets are priced at \$22.12 for adults and \$15.93 plus tax for seniors/children. Further information concerning park operating hours may be obtained by calling 416-369-0123 or 905-794-0565.

From our friends at Mirvish Productions we have the following great offer. Night after night, Toronto audiences are having the time of their lives at MAMMA MIA! and now, we're giving you some unbeatable price breaks on this unforgettable musical. Choose from: \$29 Balcony tickets and \$49 Orchestra/Dress Circle/Front Balcony seats any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 8 PM from May 4 - June 24 or

Sunday June 20 at 8 PM. \$29 Balcony tickets and \$59 Orchestra/Dress Circle/Front Balcony seats any Friday 8 PM performance from May 7 - June 28. \$29 Balcony tickets and \$59 Orchestra/Dress Circle/Front Balcony seats Saturday May 22 at 2 PM or 8 PM, Sunday May 23 at 2 PM, Saturday June 26 at 2 PM and Sunday June 27 at 2 PM. These deals are yours, right now just call us at 416-872-1212 or 1-800-461-3333 or go online at [www.ticketking.com](http://www.ticketking.com). Use the promotional code MM49 to save!

The discount golf book, Golflore All 2010 is still available in our office. Some of our members who are avid golfers have told me that this book can save you quite a bit of money if you happen to be one of the game's aficionados. In this edition there are over 530 two for one green fee coupons, 1030 green fee coupons at 181 courses and weekend play coupons at 144 courses. This book is currently retailing in golf shops in the Toronto area for \$59.95 but you may purchase your copy through the credit union for the discounted price of \$54.95. The wonderful thing about this book is that the members can save money by using it and part of the sale proceeds go towards the credit union scholarship fund. This is one of those win-win situations!! This book also makes a wonderful gift.

The fine folks at Perkopolis have another great line up of discount offers for our members and I will just touch on what is available. If you are interested in any of these offers you may access their site to get more specific details or to order tickets.

In the Theatre and Shows category, discounts can be obtained for: Jersey Boys, Rock of Ages, Cirque du Soleil: Alegria, Mama Mia, Fiddler on the Roof, Cats, Rain, Wicked, West Side Story, Miss Saigon, South Pacific, Legally Blonde The Musical and Yuk Yuks..

If you want something a little less cultured you may wish to investigate one of the many discounted sporting events that are available. Specially priced tickets can be purchased for the Toronto Blue Jays, Toronto FC, Vancouver Whitecaps and Manchester United versus Celtic.

In the realm of Attractions there are numerous opportunities for savings with

specials at venues such as Fallsview Indoor Waterpark Niagara Falls, Casa Loma, C.N. Tower, Laserquest, Ontario Science Centre, Playdium, Toronto Tours, African lion Safari, Marineland, Bodies, Fantasy Island, Clifton Hill Fun Pass, Niagara Falls/ Gorge Adventure Pass, Toronto Zoo and Dave and Busters. Of special note in this area are special passes available for attractions in Toronto (City Pass Booklet), Niagara Falls and Vancouver whereby the promoting cities have packaged many of their popular attractions into one heavily discounted pass. If you are planning on seeing sights in any of these places I would highly recommend you investigate these passes as the savings are great and in some cases there is the added benefit of not needing to line up!

New to this issue Perkopolis is bringing you specially discounted prices on many popular magazines. Current special subscription rates may be obtained for Canadian Gardening, Canadian Living, Elle, Hockey News, Homemakers, More Canada and Style at Home. Last but not least, for the cinema aficionados, there are some very good deals to be had with AMC, Cineplex and Empire Theatres.

All the above Perkopolis specially priced discounts can be obtained by credit union members by accessing their web site at [www.cctickets.ca/members](http://www.cctickets.ca/members) and registering. When you are asked for the access code or group identification we are ETCUCON (all upper case). It is also a good idea to drop into their web site between Money Misers as there are often special deals that become available. Their web site also features special deals in cities such as Edmonton, Ottawa, Vancouver etc. so if you are planning on doing so travelling outside of the GTA it might be beneficial to see what is available.

And that's all there is!!!! I hope there is something of interest for you in this issue. Enjoy your summer and may it even be more enjoyable with a few extra dollars in your pocket. May you, your family and friends enjoy a safe and relaxing summer period and we will see you back here in September with a whole new batch of Money Miser treats.



**F.U.I. ETCU SCHOLARSHIP**

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

The ETCU Scholarship is awarded to any member of the credit union or their immediate family who is pursuing post-secondary education. This year, the ETCU Scholarship Committee will award at least 3 - \$1,500 scholarships according to the criteria below:

**CRITERIA:**

The ETCU Scholarship Committee will evaluate nominees based on the following selection criteria:

- The candidate must have graduated from a recognized accredited secondary school.
- The candidate must have been accepted to a recognized post-secondary educational institution for studies;
- The candidate must have demonstrated a financial need; and
- The candidate must submit a one page letter (maximum 350 words), indicating why he/she is worthy of the scholarship.

*Note: students declared exceptional by an I.P.R.C. will be considered.*

**DEADLINE:**

Applications and all relevant information must be submitted to the credit union no later than August 18, 2010. Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting in September 2010.

Applications are available at the credit union office or through the web site: [www.etcu.com](http://www.etcu.com)

## How to Work Towards Extinguishing the Risk of Fire in Your Home

In Canada, a residential fire is reported every 30 minutes. Prevent a fire in your home and keep your family safe by learning about the causes of house fires and how you can avoid common, but potentially deadly, mistakes. Have you ever:

- Left a pot unattended on the stove...even for a minute?
- Allowed candles to burn after you left the room?
- Forgot to clean out the lint screen in your dryer?
- Set a portable heater too close to something that could burn?
- Stored paint or combustible materials too close to the furnace?
- Covered an extension cord with a rug?
- Smoked while you were sleepy or intoxicated?

If you answered "yes", you are literally "playing with fire". The following tips can reduce your chances of falling victim to a house fire:

**Smoke Alarms:** Install one on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. For added protection, install one in every bedroom, especially if someone sleeps with the bedroom door closed. Change the batteries in your smoke alarms at least annually (or when the clocks change for daylight savings time) or whenever the low battery warning sounds. Test all smoke alarms monthly.

**Fire Extinguishers:** Cooking mishaps are the leading cause of home fires. Pay attention while you cook and always keep a proper fitting lid nearby. If a pot on the stove catches fire, care-

fully slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. It is also a good idea to have a fire extinguisher clearly located by an exit. Learn how to use it in an emergency.

**Smoking:** In the case of residential fires where there is a fatality, smoking is the ignition source of 30% of these fires.\* This fact is particularly astonishing as these fires are categorized as preventable. Always use deep ashtrays when smoking to keep ashes contained. Also, make sure there are working smoke alarms on every level, to detect a fire quickly if one starts. All matches and lighters should be kept out of sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.

**Flammables:** Keep paints, solvents and flammable liquids tightly sealed in their original containers, away from heat and ignition sources. Use gasoline as a motor fuel only and store it in an outside shed.

**Electrical:** Use only electrical appliances, fixtures and cords bearing the CSA or ULC label. Unplug appliances when not in use. Avoid using extension cords as permanent wiring. They are for temporary use only.

**Escape Plan:** You may have very little time to safely escape a fire. Walk through the house with every member of your family and identify all possible exits and escape routes. Assign someone to assist children and older adults. Then, choose an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from your home. Twice a year, practice your plan in a realistic fashion, including crawling on your hands and knees. Remember, if a fire breaks out, evacuate your family and call the fire department or 911.

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We welcome all members to share their opinions about our newsletter or about the credit union operation in general. Please feel free to contact any one of our staff or directors with your comments.

# You're Invited!

## To the 13th Annual ETCU Financial Credit Union and GTA Golf Tournament on Monday, August 23rd, 2010

Place: Tangle Creek Golf Club,  
4730 Sideroad #25,  
Thornton, Ontario (near Barrie)

Registration: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Shotgun Start: 12:00 Noon!

Price: \$150.00. Includes driving range,  
lunch, GPS golf cart, dinner, and prizes.



• Early Bird Draw for all entries received before July 18!

• Scramble format (Best Ball Tournament).

• Register by e-mail, fax or in person at the office.

• Pay via payroll deduction; debit your ETCU account; or postdated cheque.

• Proceeds to support the ETCU Scholarship Fund and the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation. Contact Gary Lockwood at 416.622.8500 ext. 26 or gary@etcu.com for more info!

## Golf, Lunch, Dinner, Fun & Raffle!

Dress code in effect. Vegetarian meals available by request. For details, please contact the credit union office during regular business hours.

Register Now!

## REGISTRATION FORM

Send registration and payment to; ETCU, 1 The East Mall Crescent, Etobicoke, Ontario M9B 6G8. Fax: (416) 622-0610 Tel: (416) 622-8500 e-mail: gary@etcu.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$150.00 Golf, Lunch & Dinner \$65.00 Dinner Only

## DID YOU KNOW...?

Here is a list of some interesting statistics at ETCU:

- There are now over 12,000 monthly visits to our home bank facility as compared to around 5,500 two years ago. The most popular function in homebank is balance/statement enquiries, followed by transfers and bill payments.
- The most popular savings vehicle at ETCU remains dividend savings, followed by index-linked term deposits.
- Over 70% of our membership has either direct deposit, payroll deduction, or an electronic deposit coming into the credit union.
- The number of members using electronic statements as opposed to paper statements has increased 25% in the last two years.



## The Money Miser.. by: David Lewis

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It's summer time once again and it's time to turn up the heat not only in regards to the temperature but in reference to Money Miser bargains and special offers. This issue contains a lot of interesting topics and I hope that everybody will find something of interest to them and so without wasting any more time let's get the ball rolling. One quick note before we get started. In this issue you will see some strange prices or a mention of plus tax. We have never had to cope with these two issues before but the introduction of HST has wreaked havoc with our providers and their discounted pricing.

Bill Lejbuk from Expedia Cruise Centres has approached me with an exclusive offer for ETCU members for a one week Alaska cruise on May 13, 2011 on the Celebrity Millennium. He has secured a block of cabins for us and since there is a block we get preferential pricing plus extras such a \$100 on board credit per cabin. I have looked at the details and this appears to be a super deal. Comparable cruises are at least \$600 per person more expensive. If you have been contemplating an Alaska cruise this may be the opportune time to do it but if you are interested please act quickly as the pricing of this cruise means they will probably sell out our allotment quite quickly. For more information go to [www.billlejbuk@cruiseshipcenters.ca](http://www.billlejbuk@cruiseshipcenters.ca) and click on ETCU Alaska Group to get specific details concerning pricing, itinerary and the ship itself. On this web site you will also find all the contact information to get in touch with Bill and to book your cruise.

We continue to enjoy a corporate discount with the Royal Ontario Museum that entitles our members to a 30% discount at any time. To get these specially priced tickets you need only go to their web site at

[www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca) and follow the prompts for purchasing tickets. When you're asked for the promo code, use ETCU. Make sure to check out the special show Dinosaur Eggs and Babies that runs until July 4.

I would like to bring you the details for this season at Ontario Place. Ontario Place really doesn't need any introduction or explanation as most of us have been there at least once but our special rate does deserve highlighting as it is really superb. Once again this year discount tickets will be available through the office or on line. If you wish to purchase on line go to [www.ontarioplace.com](http://www.ontarioplace.com) and our user name is etobicoke and the applicable password is teachers. From that point all you need to do is follow the prompts. This year the regular admission rates for walk up purchase is \$31.90 for adults and \$16.90 for seniors and children. Our special rate is a fantastic saving as the adult ticket is \$21.05 plus tax and the senior/child is only \$11.52 plus tax. Remember too that if you really want to reap a huge savings you may wish to plan your Ontario Place visit in August when you also receive admission to the CNE included in your Ontario Place admission. There are some interesting additions this year with a new movie in the Cinesphere called "Wild Ocean" which is a Cinesphere experience featuring a symphonic documentary about man and nature along the African coast line. Don't forget to also check out the Festival of Fire, a newly renovated South Beach and Froster Soak City, Toronto's only water park. One last feature of Ontario Place that should not be overlooked is their Weather Guarantee. If you have one of our specially priced tickets and it rains for one hour during your visit you can get a pass for a return visit any time during the season!!! Your rain check needs to be claimed before you leave the park.

I stumbled upon a really neat idea the other day from a business called

[www.Teambuy.ca](http://www.Teambuy.ca) It has always driven me crazy that if you can get a group of people together you could get some great discounts but getting a group of twenty or more people is sometimes just not feasible. Team buy is a service whereby they feature a daily group discount for activities around Toronto by pooling people together. There is no cost to join and all you do is sign up if you are interested in the offer and at the end of the day if enough people sign up you will be sent an e-ticket and you're all set to go. If enough people don't sign up then nothing happens. I have looked at some of their past discounts and they range anywhere from 50%-85% off!!!! If you think this might be useful for you then simply go to their web site and have a look around. Another site that you might find useful is [www.attractionsontario.ca](http://www.attractionsontario.ca).

This site features discount coupons for numerous attractions around Ontario and allows you to print off on line discount coupons for the various venues. Have a look a see if there is anything there that you were planning on visiting and save yourself some money.

Summer is never summer without Canada's Wonderland. We will again be offering discount tickets to Wonderland through our office and on line. Savings will be substantial once again this year when you consider that the regular walk up admission ticket is \$47.95 for adults and \$33.50 for seniors/children. From July 1 to October 31 our specially priced adult tickets will be available for \$39.92 and the senior/children's tickets will be \$31.21. These tickets can be purchased at the office or if it is more convenient go to Canada's Wonderland web site at [www.canadaswonderland.com](http://www.canadaswonderland.com), click on ticket sales and go to the corporate partners page where you will be able to enter the password "ROLLERCOASTER" and be able to get the same great savings but on line. As an addition to our lineup of consignment hard stock ticket options we