



Halton Children's Water Festival – September 27 to 30, 2011

What is the Halton Children's Water Festival?

The Halton Children's Water Festival (HCWF) is a community initiative whose goal is to educate children about water conservation and water stewardship through four main themes:

- *Water Science and Technology.* Students learn about the water cycle, the physical science of ground and surface water, treatment and distribution systems and the interactions between water and technology in their daily lives.
- *Water Conservation and Protection.* Students investigate how human activity can impact water. They learn how to conserve, protect and manage water at home, at school and in the community.
- *Water Health and Safety.* Students will learn about the role of water in human health, and safety around water.
- *Water and Society.* Students will learn about the history of water, the relationship between people and the uses of water, and how to become stewards of water in their local and global community.

This year marks the sixth anniversary of the festival and will take place from **September 27 to 30, 2011** from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. at the Kelso Conservation Area, 5255 Kelso Road in Milton. There are nearly 6-hands-on learning activity centres incorporating Ontario curriculum requirements.

Through five years of the Festival, approximately 17,000 elementary school students have had the opportunity to learn about water through the program since its inception.

Who can attend and for how much?

The HCWF is open to all students in grades two to five including the two/three, three/four and four/five combined classes from the Halton Catholic District School Board, the Halton District School Board and Halton's private elementary schools.

The cost for visiting students is \$4 per student and is free of charge for adult chaperones, teachers and volunteers. The HCWF is accessible to people with special needs and transportation is provided to and from the festival. Teachers and volunteers should contact the Festival Coordinator to make any necessary arrangements.

Who is involved in the festival?

Conservation Halton and Halton Region co-host the HCWF, in partnership with the Halton Catholic District School Board, the Halton District School Board, The City of Burlington, The Town of Halton Hills, The Town of Milton and The Town of Oakville.

The HCWF Honorary Co-Chairs are John Vice, Conservation Halton Chairman and Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair. The festival organizing committee plans and manages the event with representatives from Conservation Halton, Halton Region, The City of Burlington, The Halton Catholic District School Board, The Halton District School Board, The Town of Oakville and Halton citizen volunteers.

How do I register?

There are 4,200 spaces available and teachers are invited to register their class online at www.hcwf.ca, or by calling the Festival and Volunteer Coordinator, **Elizabeth Wren at 905-336-1158, ext. 284.**

Teachers will be notified with a confirmation and information on the orientation sessions for the 2010 Festival will be posted on the website when confirmed. If teachers cannot attend one of the mandatory orientation sessions, at least one representative per school must attend the orientation session to obtain festival orientation packages for their colleagues.

How do I get involved?

Conservation Halton and Halton Region encourage the community to come together and teach Halton's children about the importance of water. Volunteers can assist on any, or all of the days and gain experience in community outreach, public speaking, teaching and time management.

Each of the four days of the festival requires participation from 150 volunteers from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help set up activities on Monday September 26 and to dismantle the activities at the end of day Friday September 30. To volunteer, contact Kathy McAlpine-Sims at Halton Region, 905-825-6000, ext. 7337, or visit www.hcwf.ca.

How can I donate?

Generous in-kind and monetary donations of support from the community help make the festival possible. All donations help further enhance the festival and the overall education children receive about water related topics.

What are the support levels?

There are five levels of support to recognize the charitable donations from the community. To find out more details, please visit www.hcwf.ca

- Watershed Level Supporter (\$10,000 +)
- Lake Level Supporter (\$5,000 - \$9,999)
- River Level Supporter (\$1,000 - \$4,999)
- Steam Level Supporter (\$500 - \$999)
- Wetlands Level Supporter (\$100 - \$499)

Conservation Halton and Halton Region are committed to providing residents with quality programs and services that foster water conservation and protection, water health and safety, water education and water stewardship efforts.

Directions to Kelso Conservation Area

From Highway 401, take Regional Road 25 north to Campbellville Road; go west to Tremaine Road. Go south until you reach Kelso Road. Turn right to park entrance.

From Dundas Street, take Tremaine Road north to Kelso Road. Turn left to park entrance.

For more information on the Halton Children’s Water Festival, please visit www.hcwf.ca.

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