



Backgrounder

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Halton Children's Water Festival – September 29 to October 2, 2009

- The goal of the Halton Children's Water Festival (HCWF) is to educate children about water conservation and water stewardship through four main themes:
 - Water Science and Technology,
 - Water Conservation and Protection,
 - Water Health and Safety,
 - Water and Society.
- 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 2009 Festival took place from September 29 to October 2 at the Kelso Conservation Area, 5255 Kelso Road in Milton, and featured over 50 hands-on learning activity centres incorporating Ontario curriculum requirements.
- The 2009 Halton Children's Water Festival Honorary Co-Chairs are Milton Town Councillor and Conservation Halton Chairman Brian Penman and Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr.
- The HCWF was open to 4,000 students (1,000 per day) 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, as well as to children receiving home education.
- The Festival Organizing Committee plans and manages the Festival and has representatives from Conservation Halton, Halton Region, the Halton Catholic District School Board, the Halton District School Board, the City of Burlington and the Town of Oakville.

- The cost for visiting students was \$4 per student. The festival is free of charge for adult chaperones, teachers, and volunteers.
- Conservation Halton and Halton Region encourage the community to come together to teach Halton's future generation about the importance of water. Volunteers help out for either one, two, three, or all four days, and gain experience in community outreach, public speaking, teaching and time management.
- Generous in-kind and monetary donations from the community help make the festival possible. All donations help further enhance the Festival as well as the overall education children receive about water related topics.
- There are five levels of sponsorship to recognize the charitable donations from the community, to find out more details, please visit www.hcwf.ca.
 - Watershed Level Sponsor (\$10,000 +)
 - Lake Level Sponsor (\$5,000 - \$9,999)
 - River Level Sponsor (\$1,000 - \$4,999)
 - Steam Level Sponsor (\$500 - \$999)
 - Wetlands Level Sponsor (\$100 - \$499)
- Halton Region and Conservation Halton are committed to providing residents with quality programs and services that foster water conservation, water health and safety, water protection, water education and water stewardship efforts.

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