



Backgrounder

September 23, 2008

Halton Children's Water Festival – September 23 to 26, 2008

- The goal of the Halton Children's Water Festival (HCWF) is to educate children about water conservation and water stewardship through four main water 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. – Is this right? The May backgrounder only lists Oakville.
- The 2008 Festival is taking place from September 23 to September 26 at the Kelso Conservation Area, 5255 Kelso Road in Milton, and features over 50 hands-on learning activity centres incorporating Ontario curriculum requirements.
- The 2008 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 is open to over 3,600 students (900 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 is \$3 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 one day, two days or all three 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.haltonchildrenswaterfestival.com.
 - 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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