

## Community Outreach Education & Volunteer Services

Conservation Halton is committed to community outreach and sees it as an important and effective method of social change. Each year, through a variety of education and volunteer programs, Conservation Halton reaches a diverse audience of both adults and children. Our goal is to enable watershed residents to become more environmentally aware and to become good stewards of our natural environment.

Community outreach programs are popular with kids.

From left to right, Halton Children's Water Festival, Stream of Dreams and Yellowfish Road



### Stream of Dreams™

The goal of the Stream of Dreams™ program is to educate elementary-aged students about the importance of clean water. Conservation Halton instructors present watershed education workshops and students create painted wooden Dreamfish, representing their dreams for a healthy environment in the future.

After the Dreamfish are completed, Conservation Halton staff design a Dreamfish mural, usually installed on the schoolyard fence. This mural serves to remind the community of our environmental responsibilities. For more information about the Stream of Dreams™ program, please visit [www.conservationhalton.ca](http://www.conservationhalton.ca).

### Yellow Fish Road™

Conservation Halton facilitates the Yellow Fish Road™ program in our watershed, a nation-wide environmental education initiative launched by Trout Unlimited Canada. By painting yellow fish near storm drains and distributing fish-shaped brochures, the program provides participants with a fun, participatory way to learn about the importance of clean water and understand how the decisions of one person can affect an entire community.

Conservation Halton will provide further information, equipment and advice on how to organize your Yellow Fish Road™ day. If you want to participate or organize a group, please call us.

## Halton Children's Water Festival

The Halton Children's Water Festival (HCWF) provides elementary school students in grades two to five with hands-on, educational opportunities to explore the importance of our most valuable resource – water – in their communities and everyday lives. The HCWF takes place outdoors at Kelso Conservation Area and is co-hosted by Conservation Halton and Halton Region in partnership with Halton school boards and municipalities.

Each fall, between 3,000 to 4,000 students learn about water through over 50 activities that concentrate on four key areas of water education. All the activities encourage a fun atmosphere for learning while meeting Ontario's school curriculum requirements, visit [www.hcwf.ca](http://www.hcwf.ca).

## Ways of the Woods Day Camp

For more than 20 years, the Ways of the Woods Day Camp has offered high quality, traditional outdoor day camp experiences to children and youth, ages six to fourteen. Operated out of Mountsberg Conservation Area, Ways of the Woods takes advantage of all of the best natural features in the Conservation Halton parklands, providing campers with the opportunity to explore the natural world through programs emphasizing activity, appreciation, and stewardship of the outdoors.

## Education Programs at Crawford Lake and Mountsberg

Both Crawford Lake and Mountsberg Conservation Areas offer a variety of educational programs for students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

Offering both full and half-day programs, Crawford Lake provides an excellent living classroom for learning about the

natural environment and the history of the region. Within the 468-hectare park, there is a rare meromictic lake, a 15th century reconstructed Iroquoian Village, and one of the most spectacular sections of the Niagara Escarpment. Mountsberg's newest program, Watt's the Difference, is available for students in grades three to ten and focuses on energy conservation.

## Volunteerism

Conservation Halton has several hundred volunteers who are an invaluable resource. They assist in park operations, attend outreach events and donate their time to environmental initiatives. Volunteers assist the ecology department with environmental monitoring projects and with special events like Check Your Watershed Day which takes place in July. Others donate their time at a Conservation Halton park, present an activity at Crawford Lake or Mountsberg, or help out on the slopes at Glen Eden.

Since the program started in 2006, hundreds of volunteers have participated in the annual Trees for Watershed Health tree-planting event. The program's goal is to support the planting of 500,000 trees over five years.

The Halton Children's Water Festival provides volunteer opportunities for hundreds of community members, including a number of high school students. Volunteers donate their time as activity presenters, safety patrols, bus guides and area leads to name a few of the volunteer positions.

Our volunteers are dedicated members of the community who actively promote Conservation Halton's mission and vision and act as excellent organizational representatives and environmental stewards. To get involved contact Conservation Halton.

## Conservation Halton Natural Champion for a Healthy Watershed



Conservation Halton is the community based environmental agency that protects, restores and manages the natural resources in its watershed. Conservation Halton has staff that includes ecologists, land use planners, engineers, foresters and educators, along with a network of volunteers, who are guided by a Board of Directors that includes municipally elected and appointed citizens. Conservation Halton is recognized for its stewardship of creeks, forests and Niagara Escarpment lands through science based programs and services.

For more information about Community Outreach, Education, and Volunteer Services contact Conservation Halton:  
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