



News Release

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Peterborough: The Fourth Annual Peterborough Children's Water Festival will take place May 25 to 27, 2005, at Riverview Park and Zoo, on Water Street North in Peterborough, Ontario.

Approximately 1600 students in Grades 3 to 6 from Peterborough City and County are expected to attend the Festival from Wednesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 pm. Through a series of 35+ "hands-on" activity centres, the students will explore the concepts of:

- ◆ water conservation – the responsible use of water in our daily lives;
- ◆ water attitudes – historical and present day use of water and attitudes toward water;
- ◆ water technology – how water is treated, stored and distributed throughout the community;
- ◆ water protection – the interdependence of water, soil, plant, animals and people, and positive steps people can take to keep water clean; and water science – the water cycle, surface and groundwater flow, and aquatic environments.

During their lunch break, participating students and their teachers will enjoy the musical entertainment of Crestwood High School's Jazz Ensemble (Wednesday), Concert Band and Chamber Group (Thursday) as well as local children's entertainer, Glen Caradus (Friday). The musical entertainment is an added feature of this fun, memorable learning experience in the distinctive setting along the west bank of the Otonabee River.

Based on a model from the Children's Water Education Council in Waterloo, Ontario, the Peterborough Children's Water Festival came together through the efforts of an Organizing Committee. Member agencies of the PCWF Organizing Committee include: Peterborough Utilities Commission, Riverview Park and Zoo, Peterborough Green-Up, Otonabee Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Trent University, County of Peterborough, Lang Pioneer Village, City of Peterborough, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, and the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

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