



Essex Region Children's Water Festival

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

When: May 29th - June 3rd, 2011

Where: Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village
155 Arner Town Line, Kingsville

Why Should I Help?

The Essex Region Children's Water Festival aims to educate approximately 4,000 Grades 3-5 students annually about the importance of water in their daily lives. Through interactive displays volunteers teach students to respect and conserve our valuable water resources, so that they can become the water stewards of the future. 100 secondary students are recruited for each day of the festival. Post secondary students and adults are needed for hosting, greeting, and presenting some of the more complicated activity centres.

The children's festival runs Tuesday, May 31st to Friday, June 3rd, 2011, with an Environmental Careers Day on Monday, May 30th for secondary students. Volunteers are also needed for setup and tear down. See dates on application form.

What Happens?

The Festival has nearly 50 hands-on activity centres that will challenge students to consider the importance of water to themselves as individuals and to society at large. The activity centres consist of five themes: Conservation, Protection, Science, Technology and Attitude. You will be assigned a centre and given instructions prior to the festival.

Who Can Help?

If you are 16 years of age or older, you and a friend are invited to volunteer at the Festival. Over 100 volunteers are needed each day to staff the activity centres and other jobs. **Send in your application today!**

How Much of My Time is Needed?

A minimum of one-day commitment is required for most volunteers, from 8:30 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m. Here's a typical day.

8:30 a.m.

Arrive at the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village site and meet at the Registration Table by the parking lot. Register, pick up your volunteer t-shirt, and receive instructions. Post secondary volunteers may be given hosting and greeting duties prior to helping at activity centres.

8:30-9:30 a.m.

You will be assigned to a Quadrant Leader and taken to your activity centre for orientation and "hands-on" training.

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Close to 1000 elementary school students arrive to learn at the 50 activity centres—including yours!

11:30-12:00 p.m.

Lunch provided free for volunteers. There is minimal time available for purchase of food on site. If you have a large appetite, feel free to bring your own snacks.

12:00 – 1:30

Return to your activity centre. Students will have finished their lunch by this time and will be eager to continue with their festival activities.

1:30—2:30

Clean up your station and take inventory. Report any problems or inventory needs to your Quadrant Leader. RETURN YOUR WHISTLES and STOP WATCHES to your Quadrant Leader. Return to the registration table for a quick wrap-up session before heading home.

Please note: Although our Activity centres are presented in French on Wednesday we are still in need of post secondary and adult volunteers that day even if you are not bi-lingual.



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email:(Print) _____

I am able to help on the following days: (Please circle which day(s) you can attend.)

<u>Sunday</u> <u>setup</u>	Monday- Careers Day	Tuesday Festival	Wed. Festival	Thursday Festival	Friday Festival	Friday <u>teardown</u>
May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 3
10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation of dates, times and agenda will be mailed to you in April/May.

Please mail, fax or send an e-mail to: **Essex Region Children's Water Festival**
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INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

I, the volunteer, hereby acknowledge that certain RISKS OF INJURY are inherent to participation in any activity. This includes the activity of participating in the Essex Region Children's Water Festival held at the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village. Types of injuries may be minor or serious and may result from one's own actions, or the actions or inactions of others, or a combination of both.

Notwithstanding this acknowledgement, I hereby release the Essex Regions Children's Water Festival, its employees, servants and agents and agree that they shall not be liable for any injury to my person or loss or damage to my personal property arising from, or in any way resulting from my participation in this activity, unless such injury or damage is caused by gross negligence of the Essex Region Children's Water Festival, its employees, servants or agents while acting within the scope of their duties.

By signing this form, I declare having read and understood the above Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk in its entirety and hereby consent to participate acknowledging all of the foregoing.

Signed _____ Date _____

It's fun to bring a friend! (Include their name so we can try to place you together.)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: (Print): _____