



5th Annual Chatham-Kent & Lambton Children's Water Festival

October 4, 5, 6, 2011
C.M. Wilson Conservation Area, Chatham

Information for Teachers

Thank you for registering to attend the 5th Annual Chatham-Kent & Lambton Children's Water Festival. Much work has gone into the planning of this event and we are sure that both the teachers and the students will find it worthwhile. Below are a few points that will help make the event successful for everyone:

NEW for 2011

1. There will be no Bus Gathering Area this year at the end of the day where students line up and assemble classes. Teachers, parent helpers and students may proceed directly to their buses / parent vehicles or whatever "system" the teacher /lead feels is appropriate. When the bus is full & students accounted for, the bus can leave. We will post bus positions on a map at the Festival Headquarters and Lunch Tent area.

If there is severe weather there will be an announcement and all people will be directed to go to their buses or volunteer driver's vehicles.

2. For those bringing students by vehicle there is a special parking area behind the maintenance area. You will be directed by signage and parking lot attendants to the designated parking area. The student groups are to follow the marked path and enter the festival grounds through the rear of the safety village and follow the same path as the bus unloading area to the site.

3. The Children's Safety Village, their parking lot and the turn-around area is strictly off limits except for High School Bussing drop offs in the designated turn-around area.

4. The Festival Headquarters tent and Emergency Medical Station will be located adjacent to the lunch tent area near the entrance to the festival grounds.

- The event activities open at 9:30 am and close at 1:30 pm. There will be a break for lunch at 11:30 -12:00 at which time the activity stations will close down. All groups must stay in the lunch area until the Activity Centres reopen. Lunch entertainment is provided.
- Bussing costs and bookings will be the responsibility of the schools – please let us know the # of buses and times so we can be prepared for your arrival and reserve your bus parking space(s).
- Be ready rain or shine! Appropriate footwear is necessary.
- Students must bring everything they need for the day (ie. lunches, water bottles, etc.) therefore backpacks are recommended. A lunch tent will be provided. The parents/ teachers / students can leave their backpacks at the lunch tent location.
- The area has 2 outdoor municipal water fountains. Children may bring bottled water and refill them at the fountains. We are hoping to reduce the amount of water brought in bottles as they are not the best for the environment. There will be recycling bins located throughout the area for depositing empty bottles.

- Organize students into groups of 5, 6 or 7 (maximum). It is mandatory for you to arrange an adult to supervise each group.
- There are 42 different activity stations to visit and a scheduler will be provided to assist you in planning which activities each group will attend.
- Ensure each adult supervisor has a copy of the site map and scheduler.
- You may wish to designate a location for the groups from your class to meet up at lunch in the large tent, and prior to departure at the end of the day.
- Students may wish to bring extra clothing to cover up as the area is wooded and mosquitoes will likely be present.
- **Check this out** -Pre- and Post-Festival Activities are available on the CKL Water Festival website www.ckwaterfest.com

**To obtain further information contact Festival Coordinator, Gale Steadman
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