

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION



REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: March 23, 2010
REPORT NO.: DOR 10 28
SUBJECT: Partnership with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receives Staff Report DOR 10 28 "Partnership with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority" for information purposes.

B. Background

In 2009 Recreation Department Staff approached Community Relations Coordinator Krista McKee from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority with regard to hosting one week of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Day Camp.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has been operating the Great Outdoors Adventure Summer Day Camp for the past 10 years. Grey Sauble has earned the reputation of providing a fun, exhilarating, outdoor experience for children to learn hands-on by touching, seeing, getting wet and dirty. Historically the camp has operated in the City of Owen Sound and utilizes the natural amenities provided to them by Harrison Park and the Inglis Falls area. The Day Camp focus is on the environment, staff initiated discussions with the Conservation Authority because of the similar amenities our area can provide in particular the Clarksburg area.

Krista McKee presented the idea of moving the Day Camp to The Blue Mountains for one week, July 26 to July 30 for a one year pilot project. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Management approved the request and Staff is excited to be able to bring an established one week day camp that focuses on the Town's values of Community Sustainability and the environment.

The Day camp will be staffed and operated by the same Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Staff that are responsible for the remaining 7 weeks in Owen Sound. The Camp registration is \$25.00 per day and will run Monday to Friday 9am to 4p.m. It has been agreed that a minimum of 13 participants will be needed to operate the camp.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

D. Environmental Impacts

This Day Camp focuses all components of the week long program directly on the watershed and the environment.

E. Budget Impact

Marketing and Participant Registration will be the Towns responsibility, with all registration fees going to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority,

All Staff and material costs will be the responsibility of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

F. Attachments

- 1) Day camp outline

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

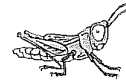
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Attachment 1 DOR 10 28 Partnership with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

THE GREAT OUTDOORS
ADVENTURE DAY CAMP 2010 – Clarksburg/Thornbury

Things you need to know & bring



<u>Camp Dates:</u>	Monday, July 26 th to Friday July 30 th , 2010 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (no early drop off or late pick-up)
<u>Camp Fees:</u>	\$25.00 per day
<u>Maximum:</u>	24 children per day (12:1 ratio)
<u>Ages:</u>	7 – 12 years old
<u>Activities:</u>	Most of our time will be spent in the Great Outdoors, exploring and experiencing the environment around us. We will also: make crafts, play environmental games, have Wet & Wild Days (river activities – eg. crayfish hunting, tubing, or water slide), plus more!
<u>What to Bring:</u>	Must bring own lunch, snacks, hat, suntan lotion, running shoes to play games in, Crocks (pool shoes) for getting wet in, swim suit, towel, water bottles, bug repellent and a big Smile!
<u>Our Instructors:</u>	Are Life Guard Certified, have CPR and First Aid, love children and are passionate for the outdoors! (university or college)

What will we be doing?

We will be outside!!!!

Nature games, hike safety, respect for the environment, river wandering – catch & release, bug identification, tubing (slow river flows permitting) build a boat and race it, forest exploration, tree identification, predator/prey, crafts, etc. etc.