

**Other Great Stewardship Events
happening in 2009/10:**

Junior Naturalists Camps

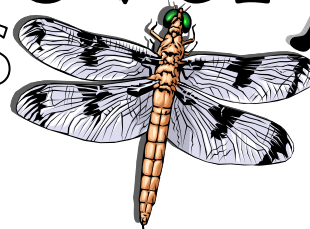
July 27 - July 31, 2009, Minden Museum
August 10 - 14, 2009, Glebe Park Haliburton

Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp

Sustainable Living Centre, Kinark Outdoor Centre
Week #1: July 6 - 10 ; Week#2: July 20 - 24, 2009

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council presents...

Stewardship Discovery Days



For more information on these events and
other exciting stewardship programs
please check out our website at:

www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton

or contact us at
705-286-5206



2009 Summer Events

Join us on *Wednesdays*
in **July and August** to
discover the ecosystems
and natural wonders of
Haliburton County!

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council
promotes and supports the wise stewardship of
natural resources in the Haliburton Highlands.

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**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
STEWARDSHIP
COUNCIL**

Fun and learning for all ages



Stewardship Discovery Days

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council presents the 2009 Discovery Days program in partnership with Out to Learn. Families and individuals are invited to participate in these fun and informative sessions that focus on exploring the ecosystems and natural wonders of Haliburton County. Insect repellent, long pants, and sturdy footwear are recommended for most programs. Programs are typically 3-4 hours in length. Please allow adequate travel time as participants are asked to arrive at the program location at least 15 minutes before the start. For a map and more detailed directions see www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton.

Cost:

Adults: \$15.00 Children: \$8.00 Family: \$30.00
(Family - 2 adults and 2 children under 16, \$5 per additional child)

- Payment by cash or cheque only please
- Programs run rain or shine - come prepared!

Discovery Day Programs are limited to 30 participants and are best suited to adults and children over 7 years of age, but all are welcome.

Registration:

Pre-registration is required to attend the Stewardship Discovery Days events. To register, please contact:

Phone: **705-286-3717**

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Geocaching: A GPS Treasure Hunt

Wednesday July 8th, 2009 9:30am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Kinark Outdoor Centre - 1766 Queen's Line Rd., 1.5 Km off of Hwy#118 just West of Carnarvon

"Geocaching" is an outdoor treasure hunt and is becoming popular around the world. Learn the basics of GPS (Global Positioning System) beginning with map and compass foundations. Every participant will have a GPS unit in their hand and will learn the basics of saving and retrieving waypoints as well as other GPS functions. The culminating experience will be participating in a fun GPS treasure hunt. This program is for anyone who wants to have a modern day adventure while exploring their natural world. GPS units will be provided and no experience is necessary. **EACH SESSION IS LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS.**

Presenter: Mike Anderson, Program Coordinator at the Kinark Outdoor Centre
Partners: Kinark Outdoors Centre and Interactive Elements.

The Mysterious Vanishing Ponds of Haliburton!

Wednesday, July 15th, 2009 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Frost Centre Institute - 20130 Hwy.#35, 12 Km South of Dorset

Peer into the hidden world of vanishing ponds known as vernal pools. These small, isolated wetlands are hidden in space and time – tucked into the forest floor, under a canopy of trees, they appear each spring as they fill with melted snow and rain, but disappear again in the dry summer months. These ephemeral ecosystems are more than meets the eye, however, as they team with life in both wet and dry seasons, and are unlike any permanent wet or dry community you have ever seen before. Come explore vernal pools hands-on, discovering their role in ecosystem processes such as leaf litter decomposition and nutrient cycling, along with their importance to the larger forested landscape. Learn how you can find vernal pools in your own backyard, and what you can do to help protect these mysterious vanishing ponds.

Presenter: Kirsten Otis, MSc student, Frost Centre Institute Summer Camp Program Director
Partners: Frost Centre Institute and University of Guelph

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Ontario Forestry Association, Ontario Federation of Angler's and Hunters, Toronto Zoo, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Invaders, of a Not So Distant Planet!

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 9:30 pm - 12:30 pm
Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery - 6721 County Rd.#1, 3 Km from Hwy.#118 in Haliburton.

Introduced wildlife, plant or animal, can be devastating to natural ecosystems and it is happening right here in the Haliburton Highlands! Come and join Dave Copplestone, of the Invading Species Awareness Program, to learn more about these species and the effects they can have. Dave will introduce participants to several of Ontario's invasives and will discuss both the biological and socio-economic impacts these unwanted species can have. He will discuss what you can do to prevent the spread of invasive species and will give an overview of the Invading Species Awareness Program. Come and see what you can do to stop the invasion! **Note: The Hatchery will offer a tour of facility to all participants.**

Presenter: Dave Copplestone, Invasive Species Research Technician of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.
Partners: Invading Species Awareness Program (OMNR & OFAH), Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association

Ssstupendous Snakes!

Wednesday, July 29th, 2009 1:30 am - 4:30 pm
R.D. Lawrence Place - 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden

Slimy, scary and sinister ... these are some words commonly used to describe snakes. Snakes are none of these and are actually very beautiful. Snakes are important reptiles of our natural ecosystems and they are very misunderstood, so much so, that some of Haliburton's snakes are *Species at Risk* for this very reason. Join us and get up close and personal with a Garter Snake, a Water Snake, an Eastern Hog-nosed Snake and even Canada's largest snake, the Black Rat Snake. These special guests will help us understand these wonderful creatures and help us learn and feel (if you want to) that they are far from slimy, scary and definitely not sinister ... Snakes are simply Ssstupendous!

Presenter: Jenny Pearce, BSc., Scienstational Sssnakes!!
Partners: Scienstational Sssnakes!! and the R.D. Lawrence Place.

Wildlife CSI

Wednesday August 5th, 2009 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Highland Grove Community Centre - Highland Grove

Welcome to the world of Wildlife Forensics! This family oriented program is filled with hands on activities which will familiarize participants with various aspects of wildlife identification using DNA, tracks, furs, skulls and much more! Professionals in the field of Wildlife Forensics will share their knowledge and experiences to help you become the expert. Participants will become the investigators, examining clues and following evidence to determine the "who done it" in a wildlife crime scene. Conservation Officers will lead an exciting K-9 Unit demonstration, showing how dogs help solve wildlife crimes.

Presenters: Dina Abdelhakim, Forensic Scientist; Kevin Hoare & Craig Smith, OMNR Conservation Officers; Colin Cotnam & Tanner, MNR K-9 Unit
Partners: Natural Resources DNA Profiling and Forensic Centre; OMNR Minden and Canine Unit; Highland Grove Community Centre.

To Kill for a Living

Wednesday, August 12th, 2009 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve, in Seminar building at base camp - County Rd.,7, 20 Km north of West Guilford

There's something about predators, animals that kill for a living, that sends a tingle down our spines and when it's a large predator it can send more than a tingle! Large predators are an integral part of the forest ecosystem and are quite secretive. Come and join us as we learn more about our forests' top predators from researchers who spend many days and nights studying one of our most misunderstood, the wolf. How does a researcher study such powerful animals with such large teeth? Let Brent Patterson share his knowledge and experiences with you and erode many of the misconceptions surrounding these animals. There will be hands on demonstrations of radio-telemetry and other techniques used in the field which allow researchers to piece together, more and more, the secretive lives of Haliburton's large predators.

Presenter: Brent Patterson, Research Scientist, OMNR; John Benson, PhD candidate, University of Trent
Partners: OMNR, University of Trent and Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

LIVE, LEARN... DISCOVERY DAYS!