

FRIENDS OF COEO NEWSLETTER

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The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario (COEO)

*The **Friends of COEO Newsletter** is available to all interested Ontarians free of charge. To subscribe, send your request to glinney1@cogeco.ca. Please note that this newsletter does not include occasional job postings in outdoor education, as this is considered a membership benefit.*

WHY NOT BECOME A COEO MEMBER?

This is the ideal time of year for you to purchase a COEO membership, as our new membership year began on September 1st.

You can download an application form under the Membership page of our web site:

www.coeo.org

This site also explains the different types of membership and their benefits.

Your membership in COEO provides you with the following benefits:

- Subscription to our excellent quarterly publication: *Pathways: The Ontario Journal of Outdoor Education*
- Subscription to this electronic newsletter which includes COEO and other outdoor education news as well as occasional outdoor ed. job postings
- Members' rate attendance at annual conference and regional workshops
- Being an important part of an established organization that is actively promoting outdoor education on several fronts (e.g., liaison with & submissions to government; collaboration with other organizations; production of a promotional poster and postcard; research initiative)

CONFERENCE 2005: **THURS. SEPT. 29 TO SUN. OCT 2, 2005**
CAMP TAWINGO (Huntsville)
www.eecom.org/ripples2005

This exciting, landmark collaborative conference is ALMOST FULL, i.e., 360 participants is the maximum that the Tawingo dining hall can take.

If you are still interested in one day, two day, or full conference registration, download the form at the above web site. Direct questions to registrar Bill Thompson at 519-539-8413 or 519-536-6505 or billthompson@rogers.com

WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

- Provider:** Wilderness Medical Associates
Sponsor: COEO
When: Friday November 24th and Saturday November 25th
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days
Where: Upper Canada College Norval Outdoor School
Near Georgetown, Ontario (west of Brampton)
Cost: \$200.00 per COEO member for instruction, course materials, certificates, some beverages, but no meals (bring lunch); overnight accommodation as needed. 10 min. drive to local restaurants if decide to stay overnight.
\$250.00 for non-COEO members; this includes membership in COEO
Numbers: Minimum 12 participants; Maximum 32 participants
Insufficient numbers by registration deadline will lead to course cancellation.
Details: This excellent course is designed to equip participants with the basic knowledge and skills to adapt standard first aid techniques to outdoor settings.
For detailed information, go to www.wildmed.ca/coursewfa.htm
Registration: Cheques for full amount must be received in the mail by Monday October 24th. Include your name, full mailing address, contact phone numbers and e-mail address.
Non-refundable after Oct. 24th unless substitute can be found.
Mail to course contact: Grant Linney, 6 George St., Georgetown, ON, L7G 2K3 905-877-3732 (day); glinney1@cogeco.ca

PLEASE HELP US WITH A COEO WEB SITE UPDATE: **LIST OF INTEGRATED OUTDOOR/ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**

Board member Mike Elrick is looking for any leads to update our web site listing of secondary school integrated outdoor and environmental education programs offered in Ontario. If you can provide specific information or any leads, please contact Mike at: Michael.Elrick@ugdsb.on.ca.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS & KINDRED SPIRITS

- **ADVENTUREWORKS! ASSOCIATES INC.**
Owned and operated by COEO member Brian Lisson, Adventureworks! offers a wide variety of programs and resources for experiential and adventure-based learning. For more information, including the dates and content of training courses in ropes courses, group facilitation, and first aid & rescue, go to www.adventureworks.org
- **CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM**
COEO member James Raffan reports that one of the four Chestnut Selkirk canoes involved in the 1978 St. John's School tragedy on Lake Timiskaming has been donated to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. The museum is asking for input from anyone who has suggestions as to the contents of an exhibit designed around this canoe. For more information, go to www.canoemuseum.net and click on "Museum Seek Input" under the "What's New" heading.
- **EEONLIST**
Environmental Education Ontario continues to operate an excellent list serve that offers a wide variety of useful information and resources related to environmental issues and environmental education. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail (no message) to eeon-subscribe@icomm.ca
- **GROUNDS FOR KIDS**
Want to learn more about innovative school ground designs that better meet the needs of students and staff? Attend a free forum in Kitchener on Friday October 21st, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more information and registration details, contact Dennis Wendland (Waterloo Region District School Board: dennis_wendland@wrdsb.on.ca)