

WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

- Friday November 25 to Saturday November 26, 2005 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Upper Canada College Norval Outdoor School (near Georgetown)
- \$200 for COEO members; \$250 for non-members
- Certifications provided by Wilderness Medical Associates
- For course content, go to www.wildmed.ca/coursewfa.htm
- Remaining spaces can be reserved with receipt of cheque and registration information. Registration details at www.coeo.org/conference.htm
- **Please note:** If you hold current **Wafa** (40 hour Wilderness Advanced First Aid) certification through Wilderness Medical Associates, this WFA course enables you to re-certify if you successfully pass the Wafa exam at the end of the course.

ADVENTUREWORKS! PRESENTS CHRIS CAVERT WORKSHOPS

- Saturday November 11, 2005 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday November 12, 2005 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Upper Canada College Norval Outdoor School (near Georgetown)
- Chris Cavert, author of the popular books *The Empty Bag*, *50 Ways to Use Your Noodle* and *Affordable Portables* will present games, activities and trust exercises for creating classroom community, developing team effectiveness, teaching pro-social skills and nurturing leadership.
- Chris will be offering two different workshops on November 11 & 12, 2005.
- Cost: \$115 per day; includes tuition, lunch and a resource book
- To register for these workshops, please contact majia@adventureworks.org or www.adventureworks.org

COEO AND OUTDOOR RISK MANAGEMENT

As an organization that promotes safe and high quality outdoor education experiences, COEO is undertaking the following:

- Participation in an Ontario Camping Association (OCA) task force reviewing safety practices for camp-based non-summer outdoor education programs
- Feedback to the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA) concerning its safety guidelines for various school-based outdoor activities.
- Sharing of model resources developed by various organizations. E.g., Our web site will soon post the *Hazard Tree Policy and Action Strategy* of the Grand River Conservation Authority. www.coeo.org/news.htm

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE EBR: A SHORT-LIVED VICTORY

On October 19th, Dr. Tom Puk received word that his second application to bring the Ontario Ministry of Education under the purview of the province's Environmental Bill of Rights had been approved. Two days later, the government again contacted Dr. Puk to report an error concerning an error in the information they had first provided. While the Ministry of Education is to follow the EBR, its Statement of Environmental Values (SEV) will **not** be subject to the "notice and comment" process (a.k.a. Environmental Registry) that all other prescribed ministries must follow. This exemption from the public reporting requirement is unprecedented and significantly weakens the whole idea of having this ministry prescribed under the EBR.

For more information (to be posted within the next few days) and to find out how you can help to tell the government that **this revised decision is not good enough**, go to www.coeo.org/news.htm

COEO NEEDS YOU!

COEO exists because of volunteer passion and talent, and we all know that expression about asking a busy person. Please consider helping a wonderful cause.

- We are still looking for a **Treasurer** ... if you have a head for numbers, can suggest someone, or know a retired accountant who supports outdoor education, please let us know!
- We are also looking for folks to help out with our exciting **Conference 2006**. For conference details, go to www.coeo.org/conference.htm
- We are always delighted to have help with specific time-limited projects. We welcome your inquiries and interest!

COEO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Continue to support outdoor education!

We are now in a new membership year (Sept. 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005). If you have not done so already, please renew your membership as soon as possible.

You can download a membership form: www.coeo.org/membership.htm

This link also outlines the benefits of becoming an **individual** or an **organizational member**. Browsing through the other pages on our web site will give you a good idea of the many worthwhile projects we are involved in.

Please join us in developing, promoting and celebrating the great values of outdoor education in this province.