

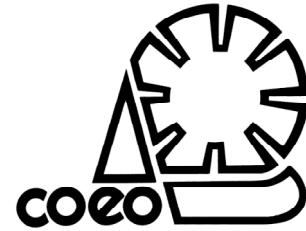
FRIENDS OF COEO NEWSLETTER

The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario

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(Please note that this edition of the regular members' newsletter includes several outdoor education job postings from two different Ontario-based organizations).

COEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007

Fri. Sept. 28th to Sun. Sept. 30th

YMCA CAMP WANAKITA, Haliburton Highlands

This fall, COEO returns to a Retreat-style conference on the shores of a Haliburton lake, bringing back the “weekend with good friends & kindred spirits in the great outdoors” feel of years gone by.

This year's theme is ***Reconnecting Children Through Outdoor Education***, in support and recognition of our just-published 80-page Research Summary re the great and lasting values of outdoor and experiential education.

GOOD NEWS! The ***early bird registration fees*** have now been extended to **Monday September 12th**, with payment either through **Paypal (online)** or with a postmark **no later than this date**. *Please note that you must also pay your annual membership fee in order to attend the conference.*

For more information about the conference, go to www.coeo.org/conference.htm

Stay tuned for further program details in our next electronic newsletter.

And, please contact COEO President & Conference Chair Shane Kramer if you are willing to help out! shanerkra@yahoo.ca

LAST CALL FOR COEO CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

At this point, there may be space for a few more sessions. If you have the time, passion and expertise to share something worthwhile about OEE with your colleagues, please – right now - go to www.coeo.org/conference.htm, download the conference flyer and call for presentations, and send us your proposal ... that's right now!

CALL FOR COEO AWARD NOMINATIONS

Our annual conference is also the time for us to recognize and celebrate the efforts and achievements of COEO members and other outdoor educators throughout the province. Please go to <http://www.coeo.org/membership.htm> and read about our five major awards. For four of the awards click on their titles on the top left of this page. For our newest award, scroll down to the Awards heading in the main text and click on The COEO Amethyst Award, in Memory of Brent Dysart.

Our awards will be that much more meaningful if we receive a good number of nominations from our membership. **Please consider putting forward a deserving colleague**. A nomination form and instructions can be downloaded from the bottom of this same page on the COEO web site. The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday September 10, 2007.

STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION & COEO

Here's a few things that you can do for COEO, your organization for promoting OEE within Ontario and beyond.

- 1) **Become a member** in COEO for the new school year (September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008). Membership provides you with multiple benefits, as outlined on our web site (www.coeo.org). It also provides COEO with the human and financial capital essential to the realization of our mandate. Membership renewal can be done online with a credit card, or you can continue to respond to the upcoming membership mailing.
- 2) **Save the dates for our annual conference**: Support COEO and give yourself a great experiential affirmation by planning to join us at Camp Wanakita in the Haliburton Highlands this fall (September 28-30, 2007). Registration details will be on the COEO web site very shortly.
- 3) **Purchase our landmark research summary, *Reconnecting Children Through Outdoor Education***. Go to www.coeo.org/news.htm for more details.
- 4) **Volunteer**: Stay tuned for a potential re-organization of the COEO Board of Directors, designed to actively engage more COEO members from across the province ... and please consider joining our efforts on behalf of this most worthy and timely cause.