

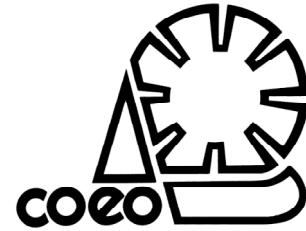
# **COEO NEWSLETTER**

The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario

[www.coeo.org](http://www.coeo.org)

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## **COEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2006**

**Friday September 29 to Sunday October 1**  
**Claireville Conservation Area, northwest Toronto**

**Outdoor Education  
With the Community,  
In the Community,  
For the Community**

*... integrating outdoor, experiential and environmental education in  
urban communities to promote a sustainable future.*

### **See attached pdf file for full details about a most excellent conference:**

- This information is also available online: <http://www.coeo.org/conference.htm>
- Why should you attend?
  - 1) Keep current; this conference addresses issues of concern to all outdoor educators
  - 2) Re-energize outdoor education philosophies and commitments
  - 3) Renew collegial friendships, and
  - 4) Support COEO, your advocate for outdoor education in Ontario
- Please plan to be present on Sunday. While the Sunday program is relatively short, it is also when following takes place: the all-important COEO AGM, the unveiling of our brand new research brief concerning the value of outdoor education, and a conference wrap-up that brings all conference participants together to reflect upon the conference theme and where we go from here.
- For the first time in COEO's history, you can renew your membership as well as register and make credit card payment for this conference on line.

### **You can still help out:**

- Great News: we now have a Conference Registrar and a Treasurer: thanks to Pamela Miller and Judy Kramer for stepping up to the plate!
- There's still lots of smaller tasks you can help out with
- To volunteer, or for further inquiries, please contact Mark Whitcombe by phone (519-939-0020) or e-mail ([mwhitcombe@sympatico.ca](mailto:mwhitcombe@sympatico.ca))
- For general inquiries, contact [conference@coeo.org](mailto:conference@coeo.org)

## **OTHER WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP COEO**

1) **Volunteer to be a Regional Rep or Board Member for the 2006-07**

COEO is a volunteer-based organization. It depends on the multiple expertise, perspectives and commitment of its membership in order to carry out its mandate. One of the ways you can give back to this marvellous profession is to serve on the COEO Board of Directors. We meet in person 5 times a year and convene phone conferences on 1-2 other occasions.

Please contact [info@coeo.org](mailto:info@coeo.org) if you are interested in this important & rewarding work.

2) **Volunteer to Organize/Host a Regional Event**

Do you have a great idea for a regional event that you think would be of interest to fellow COEO members and other outdoor educators in your area. Please let us know. Contact [info@coeo.org](mailto:info@coeo.org)

3) **Nominate a Deserving Colleague for one of COEO's Annual Awards**

Our annual conference is 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 four major awards. Consider nominating a deserving colleague. A nomination form can be downloaded from our web site.

## **FROST CENTRE UPDATE: Can you help to revive an Ontario icon?**

Next Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> (7:30 p.m.) at the Minden United Church, there will be a community forum on the future of the Frost Centre. This is your opportunity to meet the two management teams that are competing to re-open the Frost Centre, namely, The Friends of the Frost Centre and The Frost Centre Institute.

## **MONO CLIFFS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Save this date on your calendar: **Saturday, October 28, 2006**

It's the Mono Cliffs 20th year anniversary celebration!

Open house from 11am to 3pm

Including wagon rides, site tours, crafts and visiting with old friends

Stay tuned for more details... visit the website at <http://toes.tdsb.on.ca>

# **EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NETWORKING FORUM**

**September 21 at Downsview Park, Toronto**

This forum invites you to attend part or all of the day and hopes that you will take this opportunity to share information about your own efforts during the 10:30 am to 1 pm session "Networking, Information Displays and Lunch". Please **register by September 12** (this will help with planning, minimizing costs and reducing waste) using the registration form posted on the Ontario Working Group section of the LSF (Learning for a Sustainable Future) website at <http://www.lsf-lst.ca/en/pwg/ontario.php>.

## **Program:**

### **9:00 - 10:30            Educating for Sustainability in Ontario**

- The U.N. Decade of Education for Sustainable Development - Dr. David Bell, Chair of Learning for A Sustainable Future and Downsview Park
- Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner for Ontario, will profile Ontario's sustainability challenges and opportunities
- A brief introduction to the national and Ontario Education for Sustainable Development initiatives

### **10:30 - 1:00            Networking, Information Displays & Lunch**

- Groups interested in all aspects of education for sustainable development are invited to setup a display or layout their resources for others to see. A small fee is being charged to cover cost and a light lunch will be provided.

### **1:00 - 4:00            Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development.**

- The Toronto RCE for Education for Sustainable Development will look at sustainability issues specific to the Toronto region, followed by a discussion of the RCE.
- This is a joint presentation of the newly forming Ontario Education for Sustainable Development Working Group (OESDWG) and the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development (Toronto RCE-ESD) with the growing support of many groups and individuals. Please see the invitation and registration form on the Ontario section of the LSF website for further details:

<http://www.lsf-lst.ca/en/pwg/documents/ESDForumInvitation.pdf>

<http://www.lsf-lst.ca/en/pwg/documents/Registration-ESDForum.doc>