

Welcome Volunteers to the 16th Waterloo Wellington



CHILDREN'S GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL



MAY 30 - JUNE 3, 2011 AT DOON HERITAGE VILLAGE,
WATERLOO REGION MUSEUM

WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL
COME JOIN THE FUN!

The Children's Groundwater Festival has over 45 hands-on activity centres that challenge students to consider the importance of water to themselves, their families and to society.

Since 1996 more than 7,500 volunteers have helped to educate over 60,000 students.



THANKS TO OUR FESTIVAL PARTNERS!

- City of Guelph
- City of Waterloo
- Grand River Conservation Authority
- MTE Consultants
- Region of Waterloo
- University of Waterloo
- Waterloo Stewardship Network

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

The Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival annually educates more than 4,000 students in grades two through five about the importance of water in their daily lives. Through fun and interactive activities volunteers teach students to respect and conserve our valuable water resources.

WHO CAN HELP?

If you are 16 years or older, you and a friend are invited to volunteer at the Festival.

WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION?

Hands-on teaching experience, gain new skills and confidence, receive a certificate, a t-shirt and lunch.

HOW MUCH OF MY TIME IS NEEDED?

Only a one day commitment 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., is needed to volunteer at the Festival.



QUICK TIPS FOR A FUN FILLED DAY!

- Wear sunscreen.
- Wear comfortable shoes as you will spend most of the day standing.
- Dress for the weather, activities run rain or shine, and chances are you will be outside most of the day.
- Please wear comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or wet.
- Read through your training manual, it is short but will give you all the information you need to run your activity centre.



FESTIVAL AGENDA:

8 a.m.

Arrive at Doon Heritage Village, Waterloo Region Museum for orientation and hands-on training.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Over 800 elementary students arrive.

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch provided free for volunteers.

12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Return to your activity centre.

2 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Clean up and wrap-up session.

Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival Volunteer Application

I am able to volunteer on the following day(s):
(Please Circle)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Have you volunteered at the Festival before? Yes No

Please indicate if you are: Student Adult

Please indicate your affiliated school/organization: _____

Relevant skills: _____

I would like to be partnered with: _____



Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for

Eco Fest

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011 for our Community Event

Fill out both sides of this application form/waiver, then mail or fax your application to:

Waterloo Region Museum
10 Huron Rd., Kitchener ON N2P 2R7
Phone: 519-748-1914
Fax: 519-748-0009
Email: volunteers@regionofwaterloo.ca

Confirmation of dates, times, training manuals and agenda will be mailed or emailed to you in May 2011.
If you would like more information visit our website: www.wwcgf.com or contact the Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival Coordinator at 519-748-1914.

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to maintain volunteer records and to make placements. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the Coordinator of Volunteer Services at the Waterloo Region Museum.



Region of Waterloo

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Volunteer Agreement/Release and Waiver Form
(If you are under 18 years of age, a parent/ guardian signature is required)

ATTENTION: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING VERY CAREFULLY AS IT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

I, _____, in participating in volunteer activities with the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (“The Region”) through the *Waterloo Wellington Children’s Groundwater Festival* program beginning *May 30, 2011* and in consideration of the Region allowing me to participate in such activities, fully understand and agree to the following:

1. I will not be participating in volunteer activities in the capacity of a Regional employee or independent contractor.
2. No pay, payment, salary, wage or employee benefits (such as accident/ disability/ medical/ dental or other insurance coverage) whatsoever will be paid to me and I will not be covered by Workplace and Safety Insurance Board coverage.
3. I acknowledge that performing volunteer activities may involve certain elements of risk or the chance of an accident and I hereby release the Region and its elected officials, officers, employees and agents and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, and executors from all claims for loss, damage, or injury, except for that which is caused solely by the negligence of the Region, its employees, or its agents.
4. I will abide by all applicable Regional policies and rules, as may be amended from time to time, and will follow all instructions of the appropriate Regional management staff person in carrying out the volunteer activities.
5. I will not use facilities, equipment and property owned by the Region without the approval of a Regional management staff person.
6. I will not use facilities, equipment and property owned by the Region for personal purposes.
7. I will immediately notify the appropriate Regional supervisor of any incident that involves property damage or personal injury during my volunteer duties.
8. Either the Region or myself may terminate my volunteer activities at any time.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the preceding conditions, release, and waiver; and I agree to the preceding conditions, release, and waiver.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are between 14 and 17 years of age, a parent/guardian signature is required verifying that the parent/guardian of the volunteer has read, understands and agrees to the preceding conditions, release and waiver with regard to his/her child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: This form must be completed and signed by the volunteer or, **if the volunteer is under 18 years of age, by their parent or guardian** before being accepted by the Region for volunteer activities.