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Splish Splash the Wonder of Water!

This year, at the 8th annual Tri-County Children's Water Festival facilitated by Lower Trent Conservation, close to 1,000 Grade 3-5 students will learn about our most precious natural resource – water. The festival runs May 25 and 26 at the Batawa Ski Hill.

With less than one percent of all water found on the planet easily accessible and suitable for human use, everyone needs to be aware of how to use it wisely and keep it clean. The Tri-County Children's Water Festival provides youth with the opportunity to discover the importance and diversity of water through hands-on activity stations. The students will rotate through a series of 34 stations that focus on water conservation, technology and science.

"We are extremely pleased to facilitate this wonderful hands-on educational opportunity for area youth", says Glenda Rodgers, CAO, Lower Trent Conservation. "Teaching students about what they can do in their personal lives to protect our local water resources is a core activity at Lower Trent Conservation."

Activity centres will be provided by: The City of Quinte West OPP, Public Works and Fire Department (Station 5), Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change, Ontario Power Generation, Kokum Makwa Cultural Enterprises, Toronto Zoo, and Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre.

Participating schools come from across the region including Grafton, Colborne, Brighton, Warkworth, Frankford, Stirling, Batawa, Trenton, Bayside, Marmora, Madoc, Belleville, Tyendinaga, and Prince Edward County.

Key sponsors include: Lower Trent Conservation, Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, RBC Foundation, Ontario Power Generation, and private donations.

Volunteers are also a huge part of the event. There are approximately 85 adult volunteers along with 28 students from Trenton High School's Outer Limits class who assist with setup and provide instruction at the teaching centres.

The Quinte Children's Water Festival is organized by a committee of six local organizations including Lower Trent Conservation, Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, Batawa Ski Hill, Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, Quinte Conservation, Batawa Development Corporation, and community volunteers Eldon Burchart and Barb Toffelmire.

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Photo Opportunities:

- RBC Foundation will be presenting a cheque for \$5,000 (RBC Blue Water Project grant) on **Thursday, May 26th at 10:30 AM.**
- All participants will take part in a Traditional Native Water Blessing with Danka Brewer, Kokum Maka Cultural Enterprises **each day at Noon.**

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