

2017 PEEL CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

Student Volunteer Opportunity



WHAT IS THE PEEL CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL?

The Peel Children's Water Festival (PCWF) is an environmental education experience reaching over 100,000 elementary students for over 20 years. Through over 50 hands-on interactive activities, elementary school students have the opportunity to learn about:

- The physical and chemical properties of water
- Water & wastewater treatment and distribution systems in Peel
- Surface and groundwater as water sources
- The human-water interactions and their effects on our environment
- Environmental protection and stewardship of our water

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE FESTIVAL HELD?

When: Thursday May 25th -Thursday June 1st 2017

Where: Heart Lake Conservation Area (10818 Heart Lake Road, Brampton, ON)

Time: 9am - 2pm

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS?

As a teacher you will:

- Organise 120 students that would like the opportunity to volunteer
- Attend the festival on the chosen date

As a volunteer, your students will:

- Be signed up and trained on their role at the festival;
- Be accompanied by a partner or an expert;
- Set-up their designated activity station upon arrival at the festival at 9:00am;
- Present a hands-on water-related activity to elementary school children from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

WHAT DOES THE FESTIVAL INVITATION INCLUDE?

- Free bussing will be provided for all volunteering schools;
- Subsidy provided for supply teachers in the amount of \$246.75;

- ◆ Lunch is provided free for volunteers; Consists of sandwich, cookie and (No additional food is available for sale on site so students may wish to supplement their lunch by bringing additional snacks);
- ◆ Certificate of Appreciation for each student.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING?

Students will:

- ◆ Develop valuable leadership and interpersonal skills;
- ◆ Experience the rewards of contributing to their community;
- ◆ Learn about various environmental issues in a fun environment;
- ◆ Get a free lunch, t-shirt, water bottle and Certificate of Appreciation;
- ◆ Be exposed to various career options;
- ◆ Earn volunteer hours as approved by school administration



TRAINING

All high school students are required to attend a training session prior to their participation in the festival. This training session will be booked in early May and will take approximately 45-60 minutes and will cover the following topics:

- ◆ Basic Information (Date, Location, Theme)
- ◆ Expectations (including dress code, commitment, Do's & Don'ts)
- ◆ Volunteer roles
- ◆ Staff support
- ◆ What is an activity script? What does one look like?
- ◆ Tips on how to deliver activity scripts
- ◆ Hands on experience with a festival activity
- ◆ Key Concepts: What is the Region of Peel and what do we do?

CODE OF CONDUCT

Volunteers are reminded to act in accordance with the **Safe Schools Act**.

If interested in learning more or registering your school to volunteer please contact:

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*****Thank you for your support with the Peel Children's Water Festival.*****