

News Release

BAXTER CONSERVATION AREA OFFERS OUTSTANDING DAY CAMPS

MANOTICK, July 4, 2006 — Baxter Conservation Area is once again offering its famous summer day camp programs. Throughout July and August, children from 6 to 13, can participate in fun-filled weeks of outdoor exploration, swims at the Baxter beach, creative crafts and more. The day camps are an excellent opportunity for children to learn about their natural environment.

For the older camper (10 to 13-year-olds), two one-week canoe camps are available. Campers will experience tandem paddling and camping, navigation skills, trip cooking, introductory first aid, trip planning and preparation. Kids can even participate in an overnight program where they can experience nature at night with stargazing, night hikes, campfires, singing and stories. Qualified and experienced outdoor education and camping staff are available from 9 to 4. Before and after care is also available.

Baxter Conservation Area is 150 acres of conservation land located along the shores of the Rideau River between Kars and Kemptville. Owned and operated by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Baxter has been providing exceptional outdoor education to school aged children for over 30 years. With six kilometres of trails and board walks, Baxter provides one of Eastern Ontario's best opportunities to explore forest, river shoreline and marsh environments. The RVCA offers a range of programs from outdoor education to tree planting to flood forecasting and warning to septic system approvals to source water protection. The RVCA is just one of 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario that protects our environment on a watershed basis.

For more details on the Baxter Summer Camp Program, visit www.rideauvalley.on.ca/careas/baxter or call the interpretive centre at 613-489-3592.

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