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# RVCA News Release

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## CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL IS COMING

MANOTICK, April 10, 2006— The fourth annual Ottawa Children's Water Festival is coming to the Baxter Conservation Area near Kemptville from Wednesday May 17 to Friday May 19. All grade four classes in the area are invited to enjoy this memorable and totally curriculum-related science program at no cost. The main themes to be explored include water conservation, soil erosion, ground water movement, well workings and water habitat ecology.

Each of the three days, as many as 10 classes of local kids will move through the 28 "Water Discovery Centres" picking up valuable information, experiences and insights about the irreplaceable role of water in our daily lives. Professionals from conservation organizations in the area as well as some very knowledgeable high school volunteers will be manning the Water Discovery Centres and teaching the youngsters all they want to know about H<sub>2</sub>O. Last year, close to 700 students from eight schools participated.

Teachers are asked to contact Peter Goddard, Manager of the Baxter Conservation Area, as soon as possible to confirm a time and date for their class. The program is open to Grades 3 – 5 students with the bulk of the program directed specifically to the Grade 4 curriculum. Thanks to the generous support of the City of Ottawa, this is a no-charge event. The Ottawa Children's Water Festival is part of the Eastern Ontario Children's Water Festival group which is sponsored in part by Ontario Power Generation and TransCanada PipeLines. Other festivals will be held in Casselman, Morrisburg (Upper Canada Village) and Almonte (Mill of Kintail) in 2006. Adult volunteers are still needed to supervise programs and assist the student instructors.

Baxter Conservation Area is east off Highway 416 at Dilworth Road. For more information and reservations, please call Peter Goddard at 489-3592 or [peter.goddard@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:peter.goddard@rideauvalley.on.ca). Everyone welcome.

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