

News Release

THE ULTIMATE AQUATIC WORKSHOP: RIVER BUGS AND FLY FISHING

OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS

RIDEAU VALLEY, September 9, 2008 — City Stream Watch and the Ottawa Flyfishers Society are pairing up on Saturday, September 20 to bring you an exciting day starring insects as the crucial link in the aquatic foodchain! Absolutely breathtaking...

Freshwater benthic macroinvertebrates, or more simply river bugs, are animals without backbones. These animals live on rocks, logs, sediment, debris and aquatic plants during some period in their life. They are an important part of the food chain and play a large role as biological indicators of river health. Bugs are extremely important to both stream watchers and fly fishers.

The day will be broken into morning and afternoon sessions. During the morning session (9:30 to 11:30 am) participants will learn how to sample for river macroinvertebrates and how to identify the different families. This portion will be of a "hands on" nature and will be taught by Conservation Authority staff.

After a light shore lunch, graciously offered by the Monterey Inn Resort and Conference Centre, the Ottawa Flyfishers will take over, providing fly casting demonstrations/lessons and pairing up with other participants for a little more "hands on" experience of a fishing nature. Equipment will be provided. This part of the program should run from about 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

Due to the nature of the program, we must limit the session to 25 people. Signup will be by email, and there will be a waiting list for those who email after signup is full, in case of cancellations.

Once you are signed up, a meeting location for carpooling will be arranged.

WHEN: Saturday, September 20th, 2008, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
WHERE: Jock River Landing (mouth of the Jock River at the Rideau River)
COST: No charge thanks to our amazing community sponsors
PLEASE BRING: Drinking water, snacks, personal sun block

City Stream Watch is a community environmental partnership sponsored by City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, Rideau Roundtable and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

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