

News Release

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

RIDEAU VALLEY, March 2, 2009 — Outdoor Education staff at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) are offering a free, in-school safety program all about the dangers of Spring Water and Ice in our region. The program is available daily from March 9-13 and again from March 23 to April 3. Bookings are now being accepted on a first come-first served basis from teachers of Grades 4, 5 and 6 in the Rideau Valley watershed.

As the warm spring weather approaches, snow and ice begin to melt. Local waterways including lakes, rivers, streams and drains begin to fill up with cold, often fast-moving water. And children are often interested in exploring rushing streams and thawing ponds during the warm days of Spring.

These areas can be unsafe and it is important to teach students the dangers that these areas can hold.

The Spring Water Awareness Program is a free, 45-minute safety program offered by RVCA to teach kids about keeping safe around dangerous spring water. The lessons include demonstrations, games and discussions about why spring water is dangerous, about why keeping safe is smart, about actions to take if an accident occurs and about spreading the word about Spring Water Awareness.

This program is partly funded by our community-minded partners at Ontario Power Generation to whom we offer our sincere thanks.

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