

NEWS RELEASE

RIDEAU LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION SUPPORTS WINTER PROGRAMS AT FOLEY MOUNTAIN

RIDEAU WATERSHED, January 19, 2012 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) has received a very welcome donation of \$600 from the Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation to help support the outdoor winter programs at Foley Mountain.

The winter program at Foley includes snowshoeing workshops, regular outdoor education classes for Tay Valley and Rideau Lakes youngsters, and starting this year, some special outdoor programming for kids on PD days when school is closed and parents are working.

With the weather being so fickle over the past couple of years, the Foley Area Supervisor wanted a backup plan just in case there wasn't enough snow for snowshoes. The alternate transportation of choice is with the use of Yak Trax—a wire mesh slipper that fits over regular street shoes or boots and gives traction on thin snow and ice. People could then get outdoors and on the lake trails regardless of snow depth.

Thanks to the Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation, a class set of these alternate snowshoes was purchased for kids and adult programs alike.

"We thoroughly endorse the educational programs run by RVCA at Foley Mountain. We have worked with the RVCA on other projects in the past during the summers and we are happy to have an opportunity to contribute to a program that promotes discovery and respect for our Rideau Valley environment in a winter setting", said Foundation Chair Michael Peterson. Dell Hallett, RVCA General Manager said, "We are very grateful to have the support of the Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation to help turn these programs into some extra special offerings for local people."

All of which is just in time for the upcoming PD Day on Friday, February 3 and the Snowshoeing Clinic on Saturday, February 11. Please call Rebecca Whitman, Foley Mountain Area Supervisor, at 613-273-3255 or rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca to register or for more details.

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