

**“Wings Over Wascana”**  
**Nature Festival**  
**Education School Day**  
**Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Teachers and Students of Grades 4-6

***Do you have a keen passion for learning more about the  
environment- wetlands, wildlife and conservation?***

Then you are invited to apply to attend this free fun – filled outdoor day!

In conjunction with International Migratory Bird Day, Friends of Wascana Marsh is once again very happy to be co-hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Wings over Wascana Nature Festival** May 8-10, 2008. All events will take place around beautiful Wascana Lake and its surrounding parkland. A fundraising dinner will be held on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, an **Education School Day on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, followed by free public events on Friday evening and all day Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

\*Watch for complete festival event details posted at: [www.wascanamarsh.ca](http://www.wascanamarsh.ca)

Through an Application process, Grades 4-6, from 8 schools will be selected from the City of Regina and its surrounding area (within a 35km radius). Successful applicants will take part in a fun-filled day of outdoor nature awareness activities. Students and teachers will have an opportunity to explore together the “Wonders of Nature” in the unique and beautiful Wascana Marsh ecosystem. Participants will be able to attend a presentation by our feature guest, Mr. John Acorn. ***John is perhaps best known as the writer and host of the television series "Acorn, The Nature Nut,"*** a family-oriented, how-to-be-a-naturalist show.

Each participant will experience numerous opportunities to ***discover, investigate, research and reflect*** throughout this fully interactive day. In addition to the John Acorn presentation, activities include: owl pellet dissection, field sketching, creative writing, meeting a live Falcon, pond dipping for Marsh creatures and of course bird watching with binoculars, hiking and so much more!

### **School Application Process**

To find out how your class can apply to attend the 2008 WOW Education School Day, please review the attached two part Application Form.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Nature,

Peta White

Lyle Benko

Shirley Friel

Co-Chairs of the Education School Day

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**Education School Day May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Application Form**

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Classroom Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Teacher contact phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E:mail** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Grade :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of students:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E:mail** \_\_\_\_\_

*To ensure the success of this educational event our committee has created the following requirements. \*Only 8 classrooms will be chosen to participate in the 2008 WOW Nature Festival Education School Day. All applicants will be notified by April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, via e-mail or phone upon completion of this selection process.*

*Classroom Teacher and Students please work together to complete the following questions in paragraph form.*

*Please limit this to 1 page in total /per class.*

- 1. Tell why you and your class should be granted this opportunity to attend the WOW Nature Festival School Day?*
- 2. What, if any, associated background research or investigation has your class done in the past?*
- 3. What benefits to your future programming do you see - as the teacher and what personal benefits do you (both teacher and students) expect as the result of attending this event?*

*Please submit before April 11<sup>th</sup>. 2008.*

*Return via e-mail to: Peta White [white20p@uregina.ca](mailto:white20p@uregina.ca)*

*Or Fax: 1 306 585-4880*

*Thanks very much,*

*Peta White*

*Lyle Benko*

*Shirley Friel*

*Co-chairs WOW Nature Festival Education School Day*

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**Teacher Commitment Agreement:**

*If my class is selected, I understand and I agree to commit to meeting the following requirements. This personal commitment will help to ensure that my class enjoys a successful experience at the 2008 WOW Nature Festival Education School Day.*

*I will commit to attend the onsite Teacher Workshop (Date TBA)*

*(This workshop will take place - During week of April 21st. from 4-5:30pm.)*

*(Other School Day, chaperone, parent, classroom helpers may attend this event with me.)*

*I understand that I will receive teacher support materials for this Education School day event at the Teacher Workshop.*

*I am willing to ensure my students are well prepared for the day, by pre planning and doing post event classroom activities.*

*I understand that my students will prepare a presentation (ie: poster, video, song) that must be submitted to the WOW Education Committee before May 5<sup>th</sup>. 2008.*

*(This presentation is for display at the Fundraising Dinner on Thurs. May 8<sup>th</sup> 2008)*

*I understand that the bus cost will be paid for by Friends of Wascana Marsh.*

*I am aware that Media release forms must be completed prior to the event.*

*I will ensure that my students participate in the essay writing component about the importance of wetlands.\*Teacher to choose 3 essays for submission*

*\*One lucky student will be selected to receive a prize from Ducks Unlimited.*

*I understand that these 3 essays must be submitted to the School Day committee by May 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*I understand that if selected \*one lucky student may be asked to read their essay at the Fundraising dinner on Thursday, May 8th. 2008. (1 complimentary ticket will be provided.)*

*I understand that 1 student from each of the 8 selected schools will be provided with 1 complimentary ticket to attend the Fundraising dinner. (Additional dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$40.each or \$300. for Corporate tables of 8.)*

Signed Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

**Please submit by April 11<sup>th</sup>. 2008.**

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