

“Wings Over Wascana”
Nature Festival
Education School Day
Friday May 8th, 2009

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 very happy to be co-hosting our 4th Annual **Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival** May 7-9, 2009. All events will take place around beautiful Wascana Lake and its surrounding parkland. A fundraising dinner will be held on Thursday May 7th, an **Education School Day on Friday May 8th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, followed by free public events on Friday evening and all day Saturday, May 9th, 2009.

*Watch for complete festival event details posted at: www.wascanamarsh.ca

Through an Application process, eight classes of grades 4-6 students, from different schools will be selected from Regina and 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, Regina’s own “Batman” - **Dr. Mark Brigham**. Each participant will spend a **fun** day filled with hands-on and minds-on outdoor activities. These experiences will provide students numerous opportunities to **discover, investigate, research and reflect** throughout the day.

School Application Process

To find out how your class can apply to attend the 2009 WOW Education School Day, please review the attached two page Application Form. If you have any questions please contact Lyle Benko (lyle.benko@sasktel.net), or Leah Japp (leahjapp@accesscomm.ca).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Nature,

Lyle Benko
Leah Japp
Co-Chairs of the Education School Day
Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival

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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 2009 WOW Nature Festival Education School Day. All applicants will be notified by March 27th, 2009, 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 (to be submitted with your application).

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, related research, investigation or exploration 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 Friday March 20th. 2009.

Return via e-mail to: Leah Japp leahjapp@accesscomm.ca

Or Fax (attention Lori): 1 306 523-3144

Thanks very much,

Lyle Benko

Leah Japp

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 8 requirements. This personal commitment will help to ensure that my class enjoys a successful experience at the 2009 WOW Nature Festival Education School Day.

1. *I will commit to attend the onsite Teacher Workshop (likely Wednesday April 22, 2009 from 4-5 pm)
(Other School Day chaperones, parents, classroom helpers may attend this event with me.)*

OR

 I will commit to attend the onsite Teacher Workshop AND Flying Wild in-service (Saturday April 4, 2009, times to be announced, approximately 6 hours total)

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

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

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

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

6. *I will ensure that my students participate in the essay writing component about the importance of wetlands. I will choose 3 of these essays to submit to the School Day committee by Thursday April 9th, 2009.*

7. *I understand that one student from all the participants will be asked to read their essay at the Fundraising dinner on Thursday, May 7th, 2009. (One complimentary ticket will be provided.)*

8. *I understand that 1 student and myself (the classroom teacher) from each of the 8 selected schools will each be provided with a complimentary ticket to attend the Fundraising dinner. Students must attend the dinner with an adult chaperon (parent or teacher). (Additional dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$40.each or \$300. for tables of 8.)*

Optional:

My students will prepare a presentation (ie: poster, video, song) that must be submitted to the WOW Education Committee before Friday May 1st, 2009. (This presentation is for display at the Fundraising Dinner on Thursday May 7th 2009 and at throughout the Festival). Specific size requirements will be forwarded to selected schools.

Signed Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Signed Principal: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!

Please submit by Friday March 20th, 2008.

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