

*"Wings Over Wascana"
Nature Festival
Education School Day
Friday May 13th, 2011*

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 6th Annual ***Wings over Wascana Nature Festival*** May 13-14, 2011. All events will take place around beautiful Wascana Lake and its surrounding parkland. A fundraising banquet will be held on Tuesday May 10th, an **Education School Day on Friday May 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, followed by an all day free public event Saturday, May 14th. 2011.

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

Through an Application process, eight grade 4-6 classrooms from different schools will be selected from 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. Students will be able to participate in diverse, nature related activities such as: owl pellet dissection, a nature hike, pond dipping (under the qualified staff of Ducks Unlimited) and will learn how to band birds with Wascana's naturalist. 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 2011 WOW Education School Day, please review the attached two-page Application Form. If you have any questions please contact Alycia Langlois (alycia_langlois@hotmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Nature,

Alycia Langlois
Co-Chair of the Education School Day
Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival

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Education School Day May 13th, 2011
Application Form

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Name of Classroom Teacher: _____

Teacher contact phone number: _____ Email _____

Grade: _____ Number of students: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

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 2011 WOW Nature Festival Education School Day** and preference will be given to schools who have not attended Wings Over Wascana before. All applicants will be notified by March 22nd, 2011, via e-mail or phone upon completion of this selection process.

Classroom Teacher and Students please work together to complete the following questions: **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 Tuesday, March 8, 2011:

Please Return via email to: Alycia Langlois alycia_langlois@hotmail.com

Thanks very much,

Alycia Langlois
Co-chair 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 2011 WOW Nature Festival Education School Day.

1. ___ *I will commit to attend the onsite Teacher Orientation (Thursday, May 5, 2011) Other School Day, chaperone, parent, classroom helpers may attend this event with me. ***
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 Friends of Wascana Marsh will pay for buses. The cost of our bus will be \$_____.*
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 reflection component about the importance of wetlands. I will choose 3 written components of these reflections to submit to the School Day committee by Tuesday, April 12^t, 2011.*
7. ___ *I understand that one student will be chosen to read their written component at the Fundraising Banquet on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. (One complimentary ticket will be provided to this student as well as one ticket to our second choice student).*
8. ___ *I understand that in addition, 1 complimentary ticket will be provided to attend the Fundraising Banquet for the teacher (or parent) of the two chosen students. (Additional dinner tickets are available to teachers at a cost of \$50 each or \$375 for tables of 8, if you wish to support the fundraising Banquet).*

**** We strongly encourage ALL teachers to register for Flying Wild Workshops. Dates to be announced. For more information on Flying Wild please visit: <http://www.flyingwild.org/>**

Reflection Component:

My students will prepare a reflection (ie: written (short story/poem), poster, video, or song) that must be submitted to the WOW Education Committee. (This presentation is for display at the Fundraising Banquet on Tuesday May 10th 2011 and throughout the Festival). Specific size requirements will be forwarded to selected schools.

Signed Teacher:

_____ **Date:** _____

Signed Principal:

_____ **Date:** _____

Thank you!

Please submit before Tuesday, March 8. 2011:

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