

Great Outdoors Eco-Challenge Returns with 150 Species for 150 Years

Media Release

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With Canada turning 150, Canadians from coast to coast to coast will take the opportunity to discover the Great Outdoors. The Durham District School Board (DDSB) is joining the celebration with students participating in the Great Outdoors Eco-Challenge: 150 Species for 150 Years.

This year's theme will celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary by challenging students to identify 150 local species of animals, plants, and insects.

This year, 25 teams of four students per day will meet at the Durham Forest Environmental Education Centre for this annual event. In the morning, individual team members will rotate through stations where they learn different skills from Outdoor Education Staff to help them make connections with the natural world, learn how to reduce their ecological footprint, and spend time in the outdoors in an environmentally sustainable way. In the afternoon, students will share the skills they learned in the morning with their team members at each of the different "challenge stations" they visit.

Event: Great Outdoors Eco-Challenge 150 Species, 150 Years
Location: The Durham Forest Environmental Education Centre,
R.R. #4, Con. Road #7, Uxbridge, ON
Date: Thursday, April 20 & Friday, April 21, 2017
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Audience: 100 DDSB Grades 7 and 8 students competing as teams

Preferred Time for Media: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Afternoon Challenge)

The Durham District School Board is responsible for public education in the rural settings of Uxbridge, Brock and Scugog Townships and the urban settings of Ajax, Whitby, Pickering and Oshawa. The DDSB employs 7,000 teaching and educational services staff. With 131 elementary and secondary schools and learning centres, the DDSB accommodates more than 69,500 regular day students and thousands more who take advantage of a wide variety of continuing education and adult credit courses. More information can be found on the DDSB's website at www.ddsbs.ca. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @DurhamDSB and on YouTube at DurhamDSB.

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