



Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority **SPRING WATER awareness PROGRAM**

It is time for the annual **Spring Water Awareness Program (SWAP)**. As spring approaches, young people are frequently drawn to explore the edges of fast-moving streams or ice-strewn beaches. Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's (GRCA) Spring Water Awareness Program enables students to understand just how important it is to stay away from water and ice in the spring. SWAP can save lives.

The GRCA outdoor education staff will be offering this annual in-school outreach program in February & March at no cost to Grade 4 students in the Northumberland & Clarington area. GRCA has formed a partnership with Ontario Power Generation to expand program participation to Bowmanville and Courtice. The SWAP program will run between February 27th – March 9th & March 19th – 23rd 2012; bookings will be taken to fill first week (February 27th – March 2nd), once filled additional dates will follow. The interactive safety education program is 45 minutes in length.

SWAP helps students gain an appreciation for the following ideas:

- Why spring water and ice are dangerous
- Know what areas in their neighbourhood to avoid
- Know what to do if a water or ice-related accident occurs
- Feel empowered to watch and warn others who may be in dangerous areas

If your school is interested in participating in this year's program, please contact Amy Griffiths at the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority at (905) 885-8173 or email agriffiths@grca.on.ca. The SWAP bookings will be accepted on first come, first serve basis but are subject to change with prior notice. All participating classes will be entered into a draw for a free trip sponsored by Ontario Power Generation to the Ganaraska Forest Outdoor Education Centre.

We hope to see you this spring. Be Aware & Play Safe.

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