

Climate Change Program at Kinark Outdoor Centre



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Through the generous support of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Community Go Green Fund and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the **Kinark Outdoor Centre** has developed an interactive program for Grade 5 students that generates a fundamental awareness of greenhouse gases, and an exposure to a set of practical actions that they can take everyday. Beginning on June 15, 2010 this program will be rolled out to all the Grade 5 classes in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and for 4 pilot neighbourhoods in York Region, Simcoe County, the City of Peterborough and the County of Haliburton. We are presently seeking interest from other school boards and neighbourhoods who wish to participate in the late **Fall of 2010 and the Winter of 2011**.

Developed using principles of experiential education, this integrated program focuses on meeting expectations for the Science and Technology curriculum. The program is run from Kinark's sustainable facilities that utilize solar power and straw bale insulation, providing an opportunity to explore these, and other, alternatives. Participants will engage in a variety of motivating and active hands-on activities that present the issue of climate change and what they and their families can do about it in a tangible way using the top ten ways to "Take Action" by We Conserve (www.weconserve.ca).

Students, teachers, and parents can continue to learn with our interactive, on-line, solar panel demonstrations. By visit our website back in the classroom or at home, they can watch us save energy, feed energy back to the grid, and expand their understanding.

If you wish to receive further information on the program and/or discuss options for your class or neighbourhood group, please contact the Kinark Outdoor Centre at 1-800-805-8252 or info@koc.on.ca