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Students Get Wet at Water Festival!

Several hundred local Grade 3 and 4 students will be encouraged to play in the water next week. More than a dozen classes from schools across the Region have registered to participate in the 2008 Lakehead Children's Water Festival, organized by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA).

The two and a half day festival provides students with a hands-on interactive learning environment where activities, demonstrations and displays will challenge both children and adults to consider the source and importance of water to themselves, their society and the natural environment.

Historically, communities across Ontario, especially Thunder Bay, developed around water sources that supported the growth of commerce, industry and transportation. "We depend on water for our very lives, yet many water sources are now threatened by the daily actions and processes of individuals and industry," says Bill Bartley, Chairman of the LRCA. "Educating young people about water conservation and protection practices is the key to sustaining water supplies and liveable environments for future generations."

In addition to the private sessions for students, the Water Festival will be open to the general public on Wednesday September 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the CLE Heritage Building. Admission is free!

The Thunder Bay Children's Water Festival is presented by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and sponsored by the Lakehead Conservation Foundation, Ontario Power Generation, Province of Ontario, Union Gas and the RBC Blue Water Project. It is also supported by Canadian Pacific Railway.