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## **Fall Harvest to be Celebrated at Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre**

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) is celebrating fall with the first ever Hazelwood Harvest Festival and Craft Fair.

The new event is an expansion of the annual Fall Craft Fair which is now into its twelfth year and will feature a kid's petting zoo, pony rides (fee), live entertainment by the Kam Valley Fiddlers, a guided nature walk, flea market, craft tables, concession and more.

"This is a beautiful time of year at Hazelwood Lake," says LRCA Chairman Bill Bartley. "Wildlife is busy gathering for the winter ahead, birds are migrating through the area and, if conditions are right, early fall colours are just starting to appear."

The public is welcome to visit Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area for the Festival. The Thunder Bay Field Naturalists will lead a nature walk on one of the trails to point out unique plant life and help identify the various song birds that may be heard.

Children can discover life on the farm by visiting Barnyard Friend's petting zoo or taking a ride on a pony (for a fee).

The whole family will be entertained by the traditional and contemporary Canadian fiddle music and playing styles of the Kam Valley Fiddlers.

There will also be a flea market on the lawn of the Nature Centre offering quality used items; or visit the Craft Fair inside the Nature Centre where local artisans will be offering unique hand made items such as quilts, gift cards, jewelry and original artwork. The Craft Fair is a great opportunity to get a head start on holiday gift buying.

The Hazelwood Harvest Festival and Craft Fair takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13th at Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre. Admission is just \$2 per vehicle or use your Explorer Card.

Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre is located 14-kilometres north of Dawson Road/Highway 102 on Hazelwood Drive.