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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. Thirty classes from schools across the Region have registered to participate in the 2009 Lakehead Children's Water Festival, organized by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA).

The three 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 are the key to sustaining water supplies and liveable environments for future generations."

The Thunder Bay Children's Water Festival is presented by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and sponsored by the Lakehead Source Protection Authority, Ontario Power Generation, Province of Ontario and the RBC Blue Water Project. It is also supported by the Lakehead Conservation Foundation, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Canadian Pacific Railway, the City of Thunder Bay, TBaytel and Lakehead University Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies.

The Festival would also not be possible without the volunteer commitments of the Thunder Bay Christian School, Churchill High School, Lakehead University Geography Department and Confederation College Dental Hygiene Program.