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Lakehead Conservation celebrates Lake Superior Day!

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is celebrating Lake Superior Day by hosting a Family Picnic at Silver Harbour Conservation Area. The event takes place from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday July 20, 2008.

Activities include a fundraising BBQ by the Shuniah Fire Department, children's Water Festival activities, displays and free tours of the 47-foot Coast Guard Vessel "Cape Chaillon." The tours are available until 2:00 p.m.

Facilities at Silver Harbour include a picnic area with accessible picnic tables, BBQ grills, boat launches and courtesy docks for day use purposes and rustic washrooms.

Lake Superior Day is an annual event which encourages everyone to think about the world's largest freshwater lake. According to the Lake Superior Binational Forum, while Lake Superior is the cleanest of the five Great Lakes, it too is being threatened by pollution, invasive species, loss of habitat and over development.

"We want to remind everyone of the importance of Lake Superior to the Thunder Bay area," says Authority Chairman Bill Bartley. "The City of Thunder Bay draws its drinking water from the lake and there are many sensitive areas such as Mission Island Marsh and Hurkett Cove which are located along the shore of Lake Superior."

Silver Harbour Conservation Area not only provides recreational access to Lake Superior but it also played an important historic role in the development of Thunder Bay's waterfront as a major world port. Rock quarried at Silver Harbour was used to construct the breakwall which protects the City's waterfront from erosion and the forces of nature in rough weather.