



Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's Spring Water Awareness Program

It is time for the annual **Spring Water Awareness Program (SWAP)**. As spring approaches, young people are frequently drawn to explore the edges of fast-moving streams or ice-strewn beaches. Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's (GRCA) Spring Water Awareness Program enables students to understand just how important it is to stay away from water and ice in the spring. SWAP can save lives.

The GRCA will be offering this annual in-school outreach program in February & March at no cost to Grade 4 students in the Northumberland & Clarington area. GRCA's continued partnership with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) allows this informative program to be offered across the Ganaraska watershed. Both GRCA and OPG believe that children should receive this important program before going on March Break, and will be offering it Monday through Friday, February 11th – March 8th 2019. The interactive safety education program is approximately 50 minutes in length and includes storytelling, science experiments, and so much more.

SWAP helps students gain an appreciation for the following ideas:

Why spring water and ice are dangerous

Know what areas in their neighbourhood to avoid

Know what to do if a water or ice-related accident occurs

Feel empowered to watch and warn others who may be in dangerous areas

If your school is interested in participating in this year's program, please contact Amy Griffiths at the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority at 905.885.8173 ext 235 or email agriffiths@grca.on.ca. SWAP bookings will be accepted on first come, first serve basis, and are subject to change with prior notice. All participating classes will be entered into a draw for a free trip sponsored by Ontario Power Generation to the Ganaraska Forest Outdoor Education Centre.

We hope to see you this spring. Be Aware & Play Safe.

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