

NEW SCUBA SHOP MAKING A SPLASH

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A local resident is plunging into the downtown business scene with a new shop devoted to scuba diving.

Geoff Hogan is the face behind Dirty Adventures Scuba, which is set to officially open its doors on Georgetown's Main Street South May 4.

In the meantime, the Georgetown man is busy

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stocking scuba gear and making plans for the variety of dive outings he'll offer in the near future.

"I'm really excited to build a community of divers," he said. "Everything is starting to come together."

Hogan has been diving recreationally all over the world for more than two decades and became a scuba diving instructor in more recent years.

The computer science professor by day said he plans to focus on bringing under-represented communities into diving, including those young and older, and people who are new to Canada.

"We're really trying to expand access to the sport,



Geoff Hogan photo

Dirty Adventures Scuba owner Geoff Hogan will lead diving trips to places like the Bahamas.

making it more accessible and approachable to everyone," he said.

With that in mind, Dirty Adventures' roster will feature a variety of courses for all ages and skill levels,

from the Bubblemaker program for children aged eight and up — which Hogan said is a great activity for pool parties — to advanced open water training.

Beginner certification courses take place in Gulliver's Lake and a nearby pool in Flamborough, while more advanced training is done in places like Lake Ontario.

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"My favourite moment when I'm teaching is when people forget they're scuba diving and they're just having fun," he said. "That's the magical moment for me."

Hogan also has several diving trips lined up that people can register for, including local outings to places like Tobermory and Penetanguishene, and worldly adventures to the Bahamas and Bonaire.

"It's a lot of fun to go find Nemo — literally, in the Bahamas," he said, noting it's also unique to dive in Ontario as the cold water has preserved shipwrecks from long ago that scuba divers can explore.

For further details on Dirty Adventures Scuba visit dirtyadventures.ca.

THINGS TO DO

WAYS OF THE WOODS SUMMER CAMP RETURNS

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Fun and educational outdoor adventures await with the return of Conservation Halton's Ways of the Woods summer day camp.

There are 14 different camp offerings for youth aged four to 15 this summer.

From learning how to run a farm and looking after crops and animals to learning how to ride and

maintain a mountain bike, the day camps at Ways of the Woods cover a variety of activities and interests, including: mountain bike camp, raptor camp, climbers camp, construction camp, farm camp, girls camp, and more.

The home base for each camp is at Kelso Conservation Area but some programs will also visit other Conservation Halton parks.

"Ways of the Woods has

always been a favourite day camp option in the Halton community since it started over 30 years ago," said AJ Leeming, manager of programs and services at Conservation Halton.

"We are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of program options to suit every camper's needs and provide opportunities for a new generation of children to enjoy our parks and connect with nature in our community."

Registration for the summer camp is now open. The program runs from July 4 to Sept. 2 and starts at \$279 per week.

To register, visit conservationhalton.ca/wow.

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