

# Eco-spirit hike at Blue Springs Scout Reserve

As the drum pounded through the wet evening air to coax out the "spirits of the woods" over 300 Beavers, Cubs, parents and leaders waited anxiously to see what greeted them. Then came woodcutters, pioneers, rabbits, queens, monkeys and aboriginals, all there to teach them the important lesson of this year's theme; eco-foods. Through the afternoon participants did activities run

by an organic farmer, Halton Regional museum staff and dedicated volunteer Scouters. Young and old took home an important message: buying local, natural and nutritious food is not only good for our bodies, it is also good for our earth.

Although the spirit of this event is ecology and the environment, the most incredible thing about the event this

year was the Scouting spirit shown by all the participants and the almost 100 staff that ran it. The rain just kept coming all day long, but there was not a long face in the crowd. The majority of the participants, many of them young Beavers aged five-to-seven didn't let the rain bother them as they stayed into the early evening to meet the spirits on the trail.

The event also attracted volunteer staffing from all over Southern Ontario, many that came earlier in the week to help set up and organize. Many of us who are disconnected from nature and are preoccupied by weather changes and forecasts have a lot to learn from the Scouting community. It does take sun and rain to make a rainbow after all.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

### ACTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

#### The Study

Halton Region has identified the need for additional wastewater treatment capacity to service the forecasted growth in the approved Acton urban area. The Acton Wastewater Treatment Plant Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA Study) was initiated in July 2006 to identify a preferred strategy and design concept to achieve the required wastewater treatment capacity.

#### The Process

The study is being conducted as a Schedule "C" project and as such must proceed through the full environmental assessment planning process as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Municipal Engineers Association 2007). Public and agency consultation is an integral part of this planning process.

The first Public Information Centre (PIC), which provided the background information, a long list of alternatives to increase wastewater treatment capacity and the proposed evaluation criteria, was held in June 2007.

This second PIC will present the preferred strategy, which is to construct additional wastewater capacity at the existing plant. This second PIC will also present the recommended design concept for the proposed plant expansion and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review and comment on the proposed evaluation process for potential treatment alternatives. Representatives from Halton Region and its consultant team will be available at the PIC to provide information and answer questions.

Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Location: Acton District High School - Cafeteria  
21 Cedar Road, Acton, ON

You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide your comments so that they may be included in the study. The PIC will be an informal meeting and you are invited to drop in at your convenience between the noted times.

Public input and comments on the planning and design of this project received prior to December 3, 2010 will be incorporated in the final Environmental Study Report. Upon completion of the study, the report will be available for public review and comment. At that time, a Notice of Completion will be published and mailed to those individuals on the project mailing list.

Please contact one of the team members identified below if you have any questions or comments, wish to obtain more information about the project or would like to be added to the project mailing list.

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#### Items for GreenCart

- Candy and chocolate (no wrappers)
- Paper bags
- Potato chips (no bags)

#### Items for Yard Waste

- Pumpkins
- Decorative cornstalks
- Decorative hay bales (must be bundled and weigh no more than 23 kg (50 lbs))

#### Items for Garbage

- Candy and chocolate wrappers
- Plastic lollipop sticks
- Artificial decorations
- Potato chip bags (including compostable)

**Reuse:** Many items in good condition can be taken to a local reuse centre.

Costumes • Clothing • Shoes (paired)

Visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste) for a listing of reuse centres.

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