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OOPS!!! Water balloons can be quite a handful.

Photo by Monica Wenzlaff

Seven hundred attend picnic



Jessica Bourke and Jillian Veneziano share a popsicle.
 Photo by Monica Wenzlaff

By Monica Wenzlaff
The News
 The annual C.P. Rail Family Safety Day Picnic had one of its best turnouts ever.

Close to 700 people went out to the East Beach at Rainbow Falls Provincial Park to enjoy the day's activities on Sunday, July 15.

Employees and retirees were bussed to the picnic from Schreiber as well as other places, including Thunder Bay and White River.

Entering the picnic area, people were greeted by the "Munchies Man," passing out helium filled balloons. T-shirts encouraging 'Try Hugs not Drugs' were given to the kids, and everyone received a safety picnic pin.

Despite the cool weather, all of the planned events on land and in the water went ahead as scheduled.

Kids had a fun-packed day, beginning with a treasure hunt in the morning. Divided into two groups, kids up to the age of thirteen had fifteen minutes to scramble through the bush searching for hidden poker chips. Many parents joined in the fun to help their younger children. Each child received a prize in the end, and the child with the most chips in each group was given a trophy for the best treasure hunter of the year.

In the afternoon, there were races for the kids. Ribbons were given to the top three runners in each group, and every child who ran was awarded a loonie.

The fish pond was a favourite for both children and parents. The kids showed off their fishing skills, and when those tiny plastic fish just didn't want to bite, parents joined in to lend a hand.

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Terrace Bay receives \$50,000 grant

By Monica Wenzlaff
The News

Terrace Bay will soon be improving Simcoe Plaza with a \$50,000 grant the town is to receive from the provincial government.

The grant is part of \$16.4 million being awarded to municipalities across Ontario under the provincial Program for Renewal, Improvement, Development and Economic revitalization (PRIDE).

"PRIDE grants help fund a wide range of development and improvement projects in large and small communities," said Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs John Sweeney. "The province is proud to work with municipalities in enhancing the quality of life for all its citizens."

Terrace Bay will use the PRIDE grant along with an additional \$50,000 from the town to make many improvements.

Some of the projects that are being considered for Simcoe Plaza are a sprinkler system to water the grounds, decorative street lighting and picnic areas.

Another improvement suggested is to put more street lighting in the darker areas of the town. The grant may also be used to put benches, picnic tables, and garbage containers along the pathway that runs beside the highway, and to introduce a new sign system that would point out many of Terrace Bay's interesting features such as the beach.

Public Meeting

This fall, the Town Council will put together a community improvement plan to outline when, over the next three years the improvements will be made. There will also be a public meeting to give members of the community a chance to voice their opinions about what should be done.

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