

Uxbridge news on CKLY radio

News from the Uxbridge and Port Perry areas will soon be carried over the airwaves of radio station CKLY.

The Lindsay-based station has announced plans to expand its editorial and advertising area to include the neighboring townships of Uxbridge and Scugog.

"Soon, the people of Uxbridge and Port Perry will have a daily voice with The New CKLY 910," according to recent ads appearing in local newspapers.



On another winter camping excursion, Dave Harris, left and Ann and Ed Winacott hug the embers. They've just completed a winter overnight trip with Markham District High School's Outdoors club. Mr. Harris is a teacher at the school and Mr. Winacott is on a one-year leave.

Icy blasts a challenge for these cool campers

Winter camping may not appeal to everyone, but for Markham District High School's Outdoors Club a weekend hike on Seaton Trail doesn't receive a cold shoulder.

It's a "challenge not to be uncomfortable and cold," says biology teacher Dave Harris, who along with four other adults, led five Markham students and a two-and-a-half-year-old boy on a 10 kilometre overnight hike last weekend.

The weather didn't co-operate. It was "too hot, too warm." The group didn't get to build snow huts. The snow was too wet for proper insulation. And the wet snow made skiing a sticky proposition. And wouldn't you know it, Sunday morning, when they left, was viciously cold and windy.

But there's more to the trip than those downfalls. Mr. Harris says

the ski/hike was to "help the kids to find out more about the environment," and learn winter-camping skills.

The Seaton hiking trail in the West Duffin valley in Pickering may well be a perfect place close at hand. The 10-km trail from Hwy. 7 and Green River to Camp Pidaca in the south is billed as a "living laboratory" containing 1000 acres.

Four adults accompanied Mr. Harris, Steve Michma, Wolfgang Gomille and Ed and Ann Winacott. The students were Kyle O'Brien, Neil Fitzpatrick, David Rainey, Paul Cudmore and David Sturgis. Oh yes, Creag, the Winacott's two-and-a-half-year-old boy was there getting indoctrinated to his parents' camping ways.

The MDHS Outdoors Club has about 30 members, says Mr. Har-

ris, and they go on a variety of outdoor trips including kayaking, canoeing and summer hiking.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Winacott gave some timely tips for keeping warm during winter activities.

Wear layers of wool, which still insulates when wet, so they can be removed with changing temperature and level of exercise.

A windbreaker overtop keeps sweat from evaporating and bringing on a chill. Jeans and other cottons are out.

Remember a hat and gloves because nothing ruins winter fun more than the winter cold.

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