

# Camp Kawartha & The Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre

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Below, please find a final report on our *Be A Watershed Steward Program* supported by the Ontario Wildlife Federation. We are very grateful for your generous support as we strive to teach children about protecting and enhancing watershed health in our region and beyond. As we like to say “one of our favorite nations is Pollination.”

Our program involved two phases – elementary and high school students visiting the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre to learn about watersheds, water conservation and sustainable living. In the second part of the program, students establish pollinator garden’s at their school as a way to engage in direction action in order to protect and enhance watershed health. Funding was provided by the Ontario Wildlife Foundation over 2 years.

Thanks to you – we’ve been able to accomplish the following:

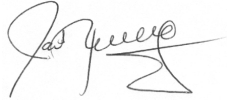
- We’ve presented our program to 65 preservice educators through Trent’s and Fleming College’s Eco Mentor Program (in partnership with Camp Kawartha). We also assisted in the Ontario Society of Environmental Educators Professional Development Day where a workshop on pollinator gardens was presented to approximately 30 educators as well as workshops on gardens and seed collection. We are working on an In Service Teachers Education Workshop that will focus on naturalizing school yards, educational opportunities in nearby green spaces, citizen science opportunities 1,049 students have participated in the Be A Watershed Steward Program over the two years
- 15 Pollinator gardens have been established, planting 1,237 pollinator plants and 6 more are planned for the spring of 2016
- Teachers received the attached Pollinator Information package.
- Meredith from Otonabee Region Conservation will be submitting this program to share with the 2018 Latornell Conservation Symposium and we will disseminate program material to the Ontario Society of Environmental Educators. Information about the program will also be available on our website.
- We’ve presented our program to 65 preservice educators through Trent’s and Fleming College’s Eco Mentor Program (in partnership with Camp Kawartha) in September and October of 2016. We also assisted in the Ontario Society of Environmental Educators Professional Development Day where a workshop on pollinator gardens was presented to approximately 30 educators as well as workshops on gardens and seed collection in May of 2017. We are working on an In Service Teachers Education Workshop that will

focus on naturalizing school yards, educational opportunities in nearby green spaces, citizen science opportunities and the creation of pollinator gardens-slated for early June 2018.

- We worked with Peterborough Green Up's Ecology Park and the Riverview Park and Zoo to create a pollinator's exhibit complete with games and activities. This exhibit ran this past summer, and will run next summer with lots of information about the importance of pollinator gardens and how to establish your own garden.

Again, our sincere thanks for your wonderful support as we teach our community to value and protect the wild species that make up our "neighbourhood."

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob Rodenburg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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