



Algonquin College presents the

Risk in Education Conference

Student Success and Outside the Classroom Learning
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2010 Conference Program



Algonquin College, Eastern Canada's leader in outdoor training, presents the Risk in Education Conference. This conference is bringing together teachers and school administrators, with industry experts and service providers to discuss critical issues facing every education practitioner undertaking learning activities that take place outside the traditional classroom setting.

Due to a lower than expected number of registrants we've consolidated the conference schedule to maximize the opportunities for you to stay up-to-date with industry standards and best practices while at the same time providing ample opportunity to network while enjoying the spectacular location.

The Setting

The beauty of the Ottawa River is its size. Big rapids and warm water all summer combine to make the Ottawa River Canada's top rafting and kayaking destination. Running through an island paradise of 175 islands, the Ottawa River boasts rapids, waterfalls, sandy beaches, and spectacular rock formations all in isolated splendor.

Wilderness Tours is a full featured resort including: hearty, wholesome food with vegetarian alternatives at each meal, and licensed dining; cozy accommodations and scenic campsites; indoor lounge with pool tables and 2 fireplaces; heated sports pool and 2 large hot tubs; and a large sun deck.



Resort Layout

The conference will be utilizing main part of the Wilderness Tours resort. There will be two separate workshop locations plus a central dining area. Ample time has been set aside for getting to where you want to go. Campsites and cabins are scattered throughout the area.





Travel Directions

Wilderness Tours – Beachburg, Ontario
Phone: (613) 646-2291 or (888) RAFT-NOW

Civic Address: 503 Rafting Rd, Foresters Falls, Ontario

From Toronto: Travel east on HWY 401 to Napanee, follow HWY 41 North to Eganville. In Eganville, turn right at traffic lights & follow HWY 60 onto County RD 8 to Cobden. Turn right on HWY 17, then turn left on County RD 7 & follow the signs through Foresters Falls to Wilderness Tours Outdoor Resort.

From Ottawa: Travel west via HWY 417, to just before Cobden, turn right onto County RD 7 & follow the signs through Foresters Falls to Wilderness Tours Outdoor Resort.

Airport: Ottawa International Airport is a 1.5 hour drive from Wilderness Tours. Air Canada, Delta, American Airlines, and Northwestern are among the international air companies with regular flights available.

Bus: Greyhound Bus Lines travel along HWY 17, stopping at Renfrew, Cobden and Pembroke.

Car Pooling from Pembroke: If you need a lift from Pembroke to the conference site at Wilderness Tours, please contact Matt Cruchet 1.800.509.3196. A number of people have graciously offered to give a lift to anyone who ends up in Pembroke without a vehicle.

Checking In

Pre-conference: If you are arriving for any pre-conference activities please arrive the night before or early enough to be ready for a 9:00am start on the Saturday and Sunday.

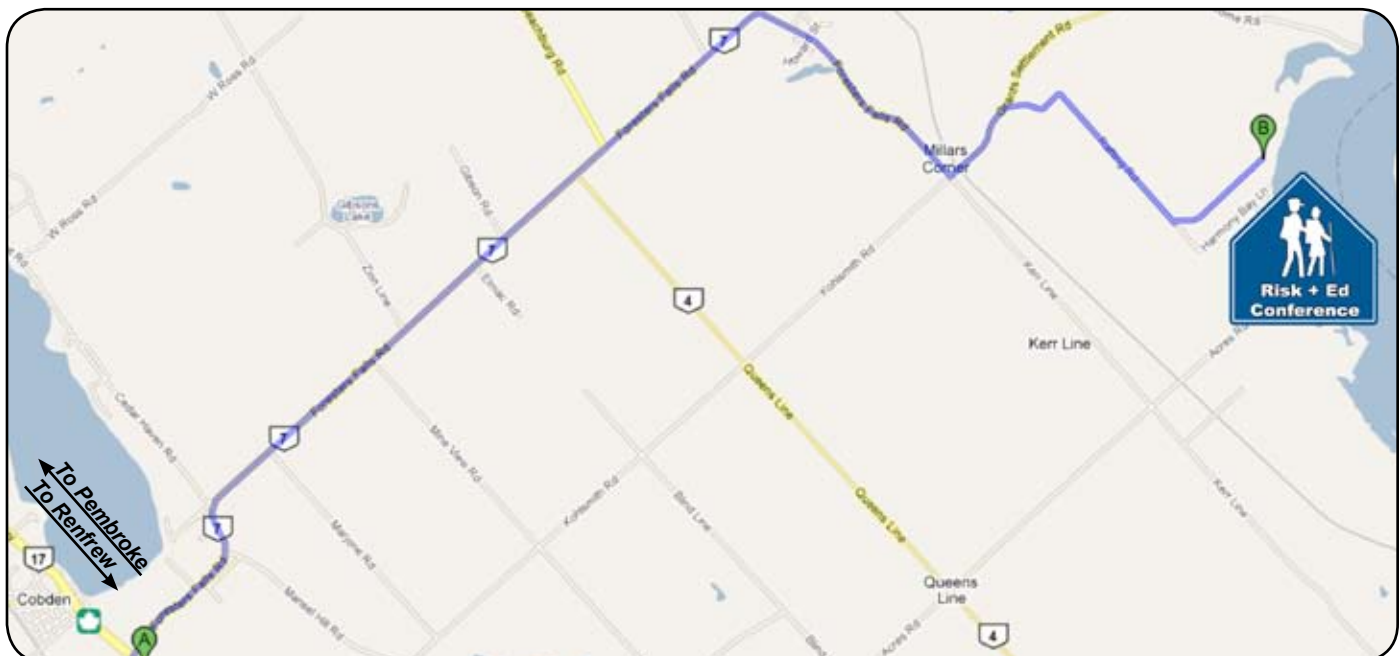
Conference: Check-in will begin and cabins will be available from 5 pm – 10 pm on Sunday, May 28th. When you first arrive at Wilderness Tours, please head to the registration desk in the main building. If you are arriving after 10 pm please inform the conference organizers in advance so arrangements can be made with WT security. Registration will re-open at 7:00 am Monday morning.

Meal Plan

The conference registration fee includes the following meals: Monday Breakfast, Monday Lunch, Monday Dinner, Tuesday Breakfast, Tuesday Lunch and refreshments during the breaks. If you are arriving Sunday and would like dinner your only option is to register for the Sunday Networking Dinner.

For those participating in pre-conference activities, meals are provided as part of the activity fee.

Sunday Dinner: The dinner will begin at 7 pm for those who have opted for the Sunday Dinner. Please note that the restaurant is only providing this dinner option Sunday evening. If you are staying on-site Sunday night and have not signed up for the dinner there will not be any food services available. If you would like to join us for the dinner, please contact the conference organizers before arriving.



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May 31 - June 1, 2010 - Ottawa Valley, ON

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Workshop Schedule

| DAY 1 | Location | Rafters South | Amphitheatre |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---|
| Monday, May 31 | | | |
| 7:30-8:30 | BREAKFAST | | |
| 9:00 AM | | Plenary Session – Rob Ellis, MySafeWork.com | |
| 10:15 AM | | | |
| | TRAVEL/BREAK | | |
| 10:30 AM | WORKSHOP # 1 | Developing Judgement | Placement Assessment |
| 11:45 AM | | <i>Jeff Jackson</i> | <i>Tish Amico</i> |
| 11:45-1:00 | LUNCH | | |
| 1:00 PM | WORKSHOP # 2 | Administrative Perspectives | Risk Management Paperwork |
| 2:15 PM | | <i>Linda Gendron</i> | <i>Matt Cruchet</i> |
| | TRAVEL/BREAK | | |
| 2:30 PM | WORKSHOP # 3 | Open Forums - Sector Discussion or On-site Adventure Activities (Mountain Biking & Sea Kayaking) | |
| 4:15 PM | | | |
| | TRAVEL/BREAK | | |
| 4:30 PM | | Developing Judgement | Avoid the Worst: Put Safety First! |
| 5:45 PM | | <i>Jeff Jackson</i> | <i>Tish Amico</i> |
| 6:00-7:30 PM | DINNER | | |
| 7:30 PM | | Sunset Boat Cruise | |
| 9:00 PM | | Social in Rafters | |
| DAY 2 | | | |
| Tues, June 1 | | | |
| 7:30-8:30AM | BREAKFAST | | |
| 9:00 AM | | Legal Primer: Liability | Placement Assessment |
| 10:15 AM | | <i>Murray Kyte</i> | <i>Tish Amico</i> |
| | TRAVEL/BREAK | | |
| 10:30 AM | WORKSHOP # 4 | Staying Found | Informed Consent: Communication |
| 11:45 AM | | <i>Fred Blackstein</i> | <i>Matt Cruchet</i> |
| 12:00-1:00 | LUNCH | Closing Remarks | |

For the most up-to-date schedule please visit www.RiskManagementConference.com



Workshops & Presenters

Opening Address

Rob Ellis - President, MySafeWork.com

One February morning in 1999, young David Ellis left for his second day of a temporary bakery job. Later, his father Rob rushed to the hospital only to learn that David wasn't coming home – ever.

Rob vowed that no other family in Ontario should have to know the grief the Ellises have endured. "There is a vulnerability in parents. We assume that our children will be safe at work." Rob will tell you that most companies willingly enforce safety procedures. But safety in the workplace should be a priority for all businesses.

Now he talks to high school students, parents, unions, small businesses, big corporations, and government. Nothing can bring David back, but Rob aims to educate, to enlighten, and to encourage prevention efforts. To employers, he says, "We trust you with our children. Take care of them." Rob fervently believes that the greatness of Ontario is worth fighting for. "So are our young workers – they are our future."

Avoid the Worst; Put Safety First!

Tish Amico - Educational Outreach Consultant, Ministry of Labour

Do you deliver a SHSM as part of the Tech program in your school? Do you offer certifications that are health and safety based? This presentation will touch on issues important to technology teachers – especially those involved in the Specialist High Skills Major. Come and find out about what you should know about certification – what you can provide and what the workplace must provide. Make sure your students know that they are not exempt from workplace training!

Safety Comes in Cans: I Can, You Can... We Can All Do Placement Assessment

Tish Amico - Educational Outreach Consultant, Ministry of Labour

This will focus on some of your hot topics in placing students: working alone, establishing supervision, establishing an agreement for providing safety training, placement assessment in different types of businesses, including family

businesses, injury reporting procedures, handling safety concerns and more. In this session, strategies for addressing these scenarios and other issues co-op teachers face when doing placement assessment will be discussed. Bring your concerns and questions and let's have some interesting and interactive professional dialogue!

Tish Amico is on contract with the Ministry of Labour as an Educational Outreach Consultant. Her role is to raise the level of awareness of the health and safety resources that support Ontario curriculum expectations. Previously, Tish has served as a Director of the Ontario Cooperative Education Association (OCEA) and has trained teachers on behalf of the Ministry of Education on Coop policies across the province.

Tish was the lead writer for the Grade 10 Guidance course, "Discovering the Workplace", and was on the provincial training and implementation team. She has also mentored Coop teachers in writing PPLPs and Rich Tasks for Curriculum Services Canada. She was a teacher at the Toronto Catholic District School Board in both the elementary and secondary panel for 30 years. Prior to her retirement in 2005, she held the position of Pathways Project Leader – a project that included leading teams from pilot schools in the implementation of school-work programs with Cooperative Education as an essential component. In addition to developing program resources and creating marketing and communication vehicles, Tish worked to identify and expand experiential learning opportunities for students.

Administrative Perspectives on Successful Experience Education

Linda Gendron - Assistant Head, Lower Canada College

Administrators in schools today must be focused on the safety and security of all school constituents as their top priority. To be successful, schools must align their practices responsibly with the expectations of their Board of Directors, parents, students and staff – effectively planning and implementing programs to provide students with authentic experiences that develop a true global perspective. This interactive, discussion-based workshop will outline the fundamentals of student safety – both on and off campus.

Linda Gendron is presently the Assistant Head – Student Life at Lower Canada College; a leading Canadian Independent School in Montreal. At LCC, she has directed



a team of teachers and administrators through both the strategic development and implementation of their global experience education program for students of all ages, and has also been active in several CESI reviews evaluating risk management.

She was formerly an Athletic Director in the public and private schools sectors. Linda ran the Matchpoint International Junior Tennis and Golf Camp at Gray Rocks with her husband Stan for 30 years.

Legal Primer: Understanding Liability

Murray Kyte – Program Chair/Lawyer, Algonquin College

Liability conjures up many unpleasant thoughts; add minors to the mix and many would simply prefer to avoid the situation. This session is designed to help participants understand what liability is, and to what degree they are liable in an outside the classroom program. Advice on how to limit liability will also be discussed.

Murray is the Chair of the Business, Technology and Outdoor Training department of Algonquin College. He oversees the popular Adventure Guide and Adventure Naturalist programs that run out of the Pembroke Campus. Before moving on to education Murray Kyte practiced law for five years in Renfrew County.

During his tenure as a practicing lawyer, he acted as counsel for one of the local school boards and was the Federal Crown agent representing the Attorney General of Canada. Mr. Kyte has a wealth of experience in both civil and criminal litigation pertaining to school board issues. He is in the process of completing a Master of Education.

Teaching Judgment – How do you get students to buy into safety?

Jeff Jackson, Algonquin College (ON)

Next to direct, hands on experience in the field, research consistently identifies Case Based Learning (CBL) as the most effective means of learning judgment and decision making skills. This workshop applies CBL to the outdoor education classroom, and offers several means of using case studies to develop student learning. CBL research will be tied to best teaching practices, including research done by the presenter. Participants will take away a sample case study and template to adapt to their classroom – and a means of helping students learn safety and judgment.

Jeff Jackson is a professor and coordinator with Algonquin College's Outdoor Adventure Program, a professional adventure guide training diploma. He has worked as a guide, educator and program manager for 15 years, crossing a variety of disciplines, outdoor activities and corporate cultures.

He has a degree in Business Administration and a Master of Education specializing in professional development. His thesis work focused on developing judgment through the use of case study analysis. Work experience includes course leading and management positions with Outward Bound (Colorado), the National Outdoor Leadership School, and numerous commercial outfitters. Mr. Jackson is the former head of certification for White-Water Ontario, writes a regular river conservation column for Rapid Magazine, and sits on the OTMP Outdoor Products Committee. He works as a consultant for staff training and risk management projects, speaks extensively on risk-related topics, and has several published articles.

Informed Consent – Communication

Matt Cruchet – President, Direct Bearing Risk Management Consulting

Informing parents about school outings is a standard practice. But what messages are we sending and what messages are parents hearing? Are their decisions really informed? Matt will outline some best practices and share his experiences of working with schools and other youth service organizations who are doing their best to communicate with parents.

Risk Management Planning – The Importance of Documentation

Matt Cruchet – President, Direct Bearing Risk Management Consulting

"If its not written down, you're not doing it"... .. is a statement often spoken when discussing documentation practices. While the literal meaning is perhaps a little off the mark the underlying message hits the bulls-eye. Matt Cruchet's experiences as a Risk Management Consultant has provided the opportunity to survey a wide range of paper practices – and although paper is not always sexy it is absolutely necessary. So come and find out what works and what doesn't to help integrate your documentation and risk management systems.



Matt Cruchet founded Direct Bearing Incorporated as a vehicle to help organizations navigate risk. Matt's strengths lie in operational assessment where he uses his experience in the not-for-profit, youth-service, adventure travel and emergency planning industries to evaluate and manage risk. Matt is a recognized outdoor risk management expert, consultant, author and speaker.

He is the President of Direct Bearing Incorporated which has attracted a range of clients from both large organizations such as the Girl Guides of Canada and the Canadian Cancer Society, as well as clients from smaller operations such as the renowned camps - Camp Kandalore and Boundless Adventures. He is a part-time Professor in the department of Business, Technology and Outdoor Training at Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley where he teaches courses in Risk Management, Leadership and the Outdoor Adventure Industry. Matt is qualified to deliver certifications in many areas of the adventure tourism industry, the forest resource industry and the occupational health and safety sector. His degrees are in Outdoor Recreation and Natural Sciences and he is a member of the Ontario Camping Association, The Council of Ontario Outdoor Educators and the Ontario Forestry Safe Workplace Association.

Staying Found: Preventing a Lost Student

Fred Blackstein

"I count only 34...I thought we were 35! Who is missing?" – words to panic any teacher on a school outing. Fred Blackstein will walk through how to effectively avoid a missing person incident while out in the woods, or on the water, with a group of students.

Fred has been involved in search and rescue for over 40 years. Over the past fifteen, he has trained more than 1000 people in wilderness skills, and has led many searches. He works closely with the Ontario Provincial Police throughout Ontario and is a certified OPP Instructor for Search and Rescue. In 1996, Fred was appointed a member of the Order of Canada for volunteer service. Blackstein is often a guest speaker at Algonquin College where he works with Forestry and Adventure Naturalist students about wilderness skills.

Open Forums & Sector Discussions

Time has been allocated for Open Forum and Sector Specific discussions. If you have a specific topic that you would like to discuss with colleagues simply post a Discussion Topic on the message board (next to the registration desk). As topics are posted other people who are interested can sign up to participate in the discussion. These discussions will be un-moderated and free to take on any direction that develops. If you have a specific topic in mind and would like to see it posted contact one of the organizers.

Adventure Activities

The schedule has been setup to make time for recreational activities. A specific block has been allocated for you to try Mountain Biking and Sea Kayaking. Open forums will also be running during these times. Please sign up on the message board for the activities you are interested in trying. If you're interested in participating in one of these activities please bring appropriate clothing. Equipment and instruction will be provided.

Evening Boat Cruise

Wilderness Tours has been kind enough to put together an evening boat cruise on the beautiful Ottawa River. We will depart from the WT property just after dinner on Monday night and will return by 9 pm. This will be a great opportunity to network with colleagues as well as a chance to get a unique up-close look at the spectacular Ottawa River.

