



Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre NEWSLETTER

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Our connection to nature

By Kate MacNeil

I have just returned from a walk in the woods. I am camping at the very park where I took my first steps as a baby. Nature has always been important to me, a place to think, relax and enjoy the show, to be by myself but not alone.

During my walk, I began thinking of a story I recently heard. A woman who lives next to a school spoke of how she witnessed the children throwing rocks at a mother squirrel and her young. This story saddened me deeply, for both the squirrels as well as the children.

I cannot say enough about the importance of our youth feeling a connection to nature. To experience something bigger than themselves, a place to discover who they are, to realize their

significance as well as their insignificance. I can think of no time when there was a greater need for our children to feel this connection to nature. We are pushing and stressing our environment to its limits and without an understanding and appreciation of our natural world, how can we hope that our children will work to protect it?

As I neared the end of my walk I started to feel a bit better, after all, I have the opportunity to visit children to educate and excite them about nature.

Interest in our new Education Program has been better than we had hoped. We visited hundreds of students from grades 1-8 and have been receiving rave reviews from parents, teachers and most importantly students.



Nature is a wonderful gift that we can all enjoy if we only take the time.

Think of the OCWC this United Way Campaign

Did you know that you can help the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre through the annual United Way Campaign?

The United Way is an important vehicle for directing funds to a wide range of community services. It recognizes that providing help for animals as well as for humans is important to ensuring a healthy, caring community.

Please consider designating a donation through the United Way Campaign this Fall to the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre. It will be put to very good use.

OCWC New Contact Information

While the location of the Centre has not changed, our contact information has:

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