

GRCA Seeking Unusual Donations

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) is looking for local support and is asking any residents who have animal furs or skulls, period tools, and other artifacts, to please donate them to the Ganaraska Forest Centre (GFC) for use in their new Trappers and Traders program.

The GRCA has developed this new outdoor education program based on the historical concept of trapping and fur trading in the Northumberland County area. Several items to enhance the hands-on component of this program are required: Ontario mammal hides from beavers, deer, mink, muskrat, red fox, otter, fisher, coyote, raccoon, ermine, badger or skunk. Plus any items from the late 1700's to early 1800's era, such as fire steel, powder horns, fire steel boxes, shaving kits, clothing, animal traps from this time era, Hudson Bay Company blankets, awls, kettles, tobacco boxes, combs, buttons, looking glasses, sashes, shoes, maps, books and lamps, are also welcome.

The Ganaraska Forest Centre has offered high quality outdoor education programs to schools and youth groups since 1978. Schools can choose a one-day visit, or multi-night residential stay with dormitory rooms that accommodate up to 80 children, separate and dedicated teacher's suites with their own bathroom facilities, and a full-service kitchen and expert culinary staff who can meet any dietary needs. GFC Outdoor Education Programs offer unique opportunities for experiential and collaborative learning while giving children the gift of nature.

If you can assist the GRCA by providing donated items, they can be dropped off at the GRCA's Port Hope Office, located on County Road 28 or at the Ganaraska Forest Centre located on Cold Springs Camp Road just off of Country Road 9. If there are items that need to be picked up or if there are any questions, please contact the Ganaraska Forest Centre at (905)797-2721.

