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About SKIP

Super Kids In Parks was conceived by the Friends of Murphys Point Park and is coordinated by a steering committee of volunteers from partnering groups in the community. This multi-week program aims to help kids connect with nature through a range of exciting sessions promoting active and healthy living. It is based at the Lally Homestead at Murphys Point Provincial Park and led by volunteers who have a wide range of experience and expertise. The volunteer-to-child ratio is approximately 1 to 5. The program is designed to be so much fun kids won't realize they're learning something, too! Studies show incredible benefits for kids who are connected with nature, and SKIP aims to achieve these benefits. A successful pilot program was held in Winter 2010, with future sessions planned for other seasons.



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Super Kids In Parks Partners & Funders

SKIP Partners: Explore What We Have to Offer!

Friends of Murphys Point Park

Since 1995 this non-profit, charitable organization has been working to increase awareness of Murphys Point Provincial Park and to enhance the natural heritage education programs offered. In addition to SKIP, the Friends have developed a successful, high-quality archaeology program for Grade 5 students (Archaeo Apprentice). The group acquires grants to hire students and raises funds for other interpretive, research and publication projects. Get involved – join the Friends!
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Murphys Point Provincial Park

This 1,239-hectare natural environment park near Perth is located on the famous Rideau Waterway and features several historic sites, including the restored Silver Queen Mica Mine (with tours offered in summer), two pioneer homesteads with outbuildings, and the ruins of an early saw mill. It offers campsites, beaches, a playground, great canoeing opportunities, more than 15 kilometres of hiking trails and diverse habitat for a range of species. In summer, natural heritage education programming is offered.
Info: 613-267-5060 or www.ontarioparks.com



Rideau Valley Field Naturalists

Formed in 1984, this club's primary focus is to acquire, record and disseminate knowledge of natural history and the active protection and conservation of the natural environment. Membership interests include flora, fauna, astronomy, conservation, photography, geology, ecology, hiking and nature field trips. It is a member of Ontario Nature and a supporter of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest program. The club hosts regular meetings with guest speakers and offers outings. Become a member and join the fun!
Info: www.rvfn.ca



Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County

Created in 1996 under the auspices of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (Ontario Stewardship Program), the council promotes stewardship ethics and best-management practices, draws on traditional knowledge and community experience, identifies and addresses local stewardship needs in partnership with others and resolves issues through partnership and respect. The volunteer members of the council have diverse backgrounds and are very active in the community.
Info: 613-267-4200, ext. 3401 or www.lanarkstewardshipcouncil.ca or jeff.ward@ontario.ca



Tay Valley Cross Country Ski Club

Founded in 1972, this club is a well-established regional institution. It has been based at Murphys Point since 1982 and established its main trail network there. This not-for-profit organization is affiliated with Cross Country Ontario and Cross Country Canada and is in the National Capital District. In addition to groomed trails for recreational skiing, the club offers field parties, an annual loppet, moonlight skis with entertainment, a youth Jack Rabbit program, Ski Fast, family day events and adult tours. Join the club and get in on the winter fun!
Info: 613-283-0824 or <http://tayvalleyskiclub.wordpress.com> or e-mail btgraham@cogeco.ca



ecoPerth

This not-for-profit organization based in Perth was created to take action on climate change. It aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by finding solutions for people at home, at work and at play with a community-based approach in partnership with local businesses, groups and individuals. The vision is to inspire people to move from awareness to action, thereby reducing emissions and building civic pride. Projects include the Lanark Local Flavour movement, tree sales and retrofit initiatives.
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