

PETERBOROUGH CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

CHAPERONE HANDBOOK



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Welcome!



The Peterborough Children's Water Festival planning committee truly appreciates you taking the time to attend the Festival. You volunteering your time means that a group of children can experience a fun-filled day outside, learning about one of the most important resources – water. We hope that you enjoy your day at the Peterborough Children's Water Festival!

The Peterborough Children's Water Festival aims to inspire students to become caretakers of water in their homes, classroom and community.

Festivals Activity Centres address the following themes:

- Water Conservation
- Water Attitudes
- Water Technology
- Water Protection
- Water Science



Schedule

8:30–9:00 am

Registration check-in for Festival Volunteers and Guest Activity Centres

9:15–9:30 am

Elementary classes arrive (Teachers check in at registration tent)

9:30–11:45 am

Students, teachers and chaperones enjoy the festival

11:45 am–12:15 pm

Activity Centres closed for lunch

12:15–2:00 pm

Students, teachers and chaperones enjoy the festival

2:00–2:20 pm

Elementary classes gather at Bus Zone to prepare for departure

Activity Centre clean-up

High school volunteers check out at registration tent

Safety

Safe permanent structures on site at the zoo will be available for festival attendees in the case of emergent extreme weather. Uniformed Riverview Park & Zoo staff, in coordination with the Water Festival staff, will direct festival attendees to the nearest safe structure for shelter.

Please stay back from the shoreline!

First Aid staff are in **RED**. Water Festival staff are in **GREEN**.

Chaperone Survival Kit

- Clipboard
- Festival Itinerary (from your teacher)
- Pen or pencil
- Large ziploc bag (to put your papers in)
- A few extra plastic bags (to keep gear in your bag dry if it rains)
- Pocket full of tissues
- Backpack
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Refillable water bottle
- Litterless lunch and snack





On the Day of the Festival

1. The Festival is **rain or shine**. Check the weather report and dress appropriately. Wear comfortable walking shoes.
2. If you are arriving at the Festival separately from your class, please carpool or use a car-free form of transportation. Zoo parking is not available to Water Festival attendees, and cars will need to park offsite.
3. When your class's bus arrives they will be greeted by a Festival Volunteer. Upon disembarkment, they will be walked to their assigned starting point in the Festival area.
4. Instructions and/or changes to the day will be communicated to your whole class at the Meeting Zone. Please listen to these important announcements.
5. **NO STUDENTS ARE TO BE LEFT AT ANY TIME, ANYWHERE ON SITE, WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.** Keep your group together at all times. No student should be removed from the site before the group departs without their teacher being informed in advance.
6. If your teacher has given you a Festival Itinerary with specific centres to visit, you may want to attend them first so as not to run out of time.
7. If you arrive at an activity already in progress, please move on to another activity or wait patiently until the activity is finished. Activities usually last 10-15 minutes.



On the Day of the Festival continued...

8. A great deal of volunteer time and effort has been spent putting the Festival together for the benefit of your child and their classmates. It is highly recommended that you spend the time at the Riverview Park and Zoo focused on the Children's Water Festival Activities as a part of their school day and NOT in using the playground equipment, water park, etc. that can be enjoyed (free of charge!) year round.
9. For safety reasons, it is important that chaperones and teachers keep students away from the Otonabee River. Flows on this stretch are particularly unpredictable this time of year and no one should enter the river.
10. Please do not feed the ducks or geese. There is enough natural food for the waterfowl, and people food is not healthy for them.
11. In the event of an emergency, contact a Festival staff (green shirts) or 1st aid volunteer (red shirts).
12. At the end of the festival, meet in your designated location so that the classroom teacher can do a head count. **DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE PARKING LOT WITH YOUR GROUP.** Chaperones should not leave the site until their teacher has signalled that your group is in their care. A Festival Volunteer will lead the class to the bus location for boarding.
13. Lost and found is located at the registration tent. Items remaining after the Festival will be stored until June 30th at GreenUP (378 Aylmer St. N.). Teachers or chaperones can contact the Festival Coordinator at info@pcwf.net to arrange pick-up. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.



Peterborough
Children's Water Festival
May 27th & 28th

May 27th & 28th, 2026

Activity Centres



RiverView Park & Zoo



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| 1 | Waterdrop Art |
| 2 | Settler Water Race |
| 3 | Sleeping Stones |
| 4 | Great Water Race |
| 5 | Otterly Amazing |
| 6 | Water to Plastic, Plastic to Water |
| 7 | Down the Sewer |
| 8 | Osprey Survivor |
| 9 | Septic Sights |
| 10 | Tapping the Source |
| 11 | Great Water Migration |
| 12 | River Race |
| 13 | Rollin' Through the Shed |
| 14 | Pipe Patrol |

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| 15 | Marine Safety |
| 16 | Off I Go |
| 17 | D. O. the Limbo |
| 18 | Splashy Feud |
| 19 | Water Power |
| 20 | No Water Off a Duck's Back |
| 21 | Water In You |
| 22 | Go With the Flow |
| 23 | Royal Flush |
| 24 | Two Times a Day |
| 25 | Inspector H2O |
| 26 | Wild Rice Dance Off |
| 27 | Face Painting 1 |
| 28 | Paddling Puppeteer |

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| 29 | Face Painting 2 |
| 30 | Peterborough Public Library |
| 31 | Aqua Quest |
| 32 | Healthy Shorelines Healthy Rivers |
| 33 | Lather Up |
| 34 | Leveraging the Locks |
| 35 | Salty Solutions |
| 36 | Our Little Wormery |
| 37 | Canadian Canoe Museum |
| 38 | Sponge Bog Frog Hop |
| 39 | Doing the Laundry |
| 40 | Somethin' Fishy Going On |

- PCWF Activity Centre
- Portable Toilet
- Registration
- Volunteer Food & Drink
- First Aid
- Shelter/Gazebo




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