



## ***Give the Lake a Break* – A fun, informative and free event in Port Perry!**

(Port Perry, April 15, 2009) Kawartha Conservation, in partnership with the Township of Scugog, is hosting *Give the Lake a Break*, a two-day community event on May 1 and 2 at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre, 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry.

Lake Scugog provides some of the most fantastic wildlife viewing opportunities, fishing and sunsets that shouldn't be missed. Whether you are looking for an opportunity to take the kids fishing, sit quietly and reflect, visit the waterfront parks, or take photos of wildlife, Lake Scugog is the place to be!

Join us at *Give the Lake a Break* to learn more about Lakes Scugog and how we can keep the lake and surrounding watershed healthy.

### **Friday, May 1:**

Local schools, grades 1 to 12, will be participating in a youth day from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. which features activity centres focused on everything from wildlife habitat, rivers and groundwater to tree identification.

In the evening, the public is invited to a free, interactive show by the Muskoka Wildlife Centre called "Speaking of Wildlife." It features rescued animals native to Ontario and their fascinating stories. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Admission is free.

### **Saturday, May 2:**

*Give the Lake a Break* opens to the public at 9:00 a.m., until 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Presentations focusing on Lakes Scugog and the surrounding watershed, environmental health and tools and tips for landowners will take place throughout the day. Dave Pridham from Kawartha Conservation will talk about the science behind saving Lake Scugog, including environmental challenges and solutions. Dave Coplestone, from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, will present on Sustainable Fisheries, Recreation and Invasive Species, for those who enjoy fishing and boating on Lake Scugog. Henry Kortekaas will give a presentation on urban greening, showing how our urban environment can be healthier and more efficient. Many more presentations will take place. For a complete list, visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com/givethelakeabreak](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/givethelakeabreak) or call 705.328.2271 ext. 238.

At 10:00 a.m., Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce will present awards to the winners of the *Give the Lake a Break Art Contest*. Award categories include visual art (Grades 1-6), creative writing (Grades 7-12) and Photography (all ages, open to the public). Art submissions are being accepted until April 30. Follow the contact info below for details.

Then at 12:30 p.m., plans will be unveiled for the Port Perry Downtown Waterfront Revitalization Project.

*Give the Lake a Break* also features local businesses and organizations that will be exhibiting their "green" products, services and programs. As a low-waste event, anyone who brings their own travel mug will receive free coffee and tea from Cameron's Coffee!

For a detailed schedule of events, information on how to enter the Art Contest, or if you are interested in being a Vendor in the Marketplace, please visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com/givethelakeabreak](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/givethelakeabreak), or call Tamara Tucker, Stewardship Technician, Kawartha Conservation at 705.328.2271 ext. 238.

*Give the Lake a Break* is supported by Kawartha Conservation, the Township of Scugog, Durham Region and the City of Kawartha Lakes.