

SAULT STE. MARIE EDUCATIONAL FORUM A SUCCESS!

The 2008 NeORA Educational Forum and Trade Show was held in the Sault Ste. Marie on September 23-26, 2008. Over 100 delegates, including 44 students from Canadore College, attended the event. Special thanks to our title sponsors - Henderson Recreation Equipment Limited and Active 2010. Congratulations to the Forum Organizing Committee!



Lori Ballstadt, 2008 Conference Chair, passes the NeORA banner to Dave deJourdan and Kayla Atkins (Canadore College) representing the City of North Bay (2009 host).

**2009 Educational Forum
& Trade Show**
North Bay
September 29 to October 2, 2009

2008/2009 NeORA Board of Directors

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We currently have board vacancies that we are looking to fill. If you know of someone or are interested yourself please contact Michelle Cundari - michelle@nbdhu.on.ca or 474-1400 ext. 2373

The Municipality of West Nipissing Youth Leadership Award

The Youth Leadership Award is designed to recognize and reinforce the outstanding achievements and contributions of young people in our community. Let us salute and encourage our local youth who work to make a difference in our own backyard.

This award will be granted to one or two young people in our community who exemplify the qualities that strengthen our community. Potential recipients must be 18 years of age or younger and made a truly exceptional contribution in any of the criteria.

For more information please contact:
Renée-Anne Paquette. ZONE Teen Centre d'ados
Tel: 753-0312



2008 NeORA Awards of Recognition

President's Award

Recognition of outstanding achievement, commitment and effort in the advancement of NeORA and its goals.

This award was presented to Laurier Gadoury, Ministry of Health Promotion (Sports and Recreation Branch). Laurier has been a strong representative of NeORA for well over ten years with the Ministry, Laurier walks the recreation talk in every way – personally, in his community, regionally and provincially.

Congratulations Laurier!



Award of Distinction

This award is presented to an individual who is a leader in the successful advancement of Recreation and Healthy Active Living opportunities in Northeastern Ontario. The recipient shall have made a significant and distinct contribution to the field of recreation through such areas as growth, development and/or enhancement.

This award was presented to Jeff Pafford, City of Greater Sudbury. A true go-getter in the City of Greater Sudbury – his strong organizational and community engagement skills have been the backbone of the extensive re-development of a community playground and the successful bid for the 2010 Summer Games.

Congratulations Jeff!



Initiatives Award

For outstanding innovation that increases opportunities for participation in Sport, Recreation and Healthy Active Living. This award was presented to Guy Losier Town of Hearst and Renée-Anne Paquette, Municipality of West Nipissing.

Representing the North, Guy believes strongly in the involvement of small communities in regional and provincial associations, in order to be on the leading edge of recreation. Guy chaired the 2007 NeORA Educational Forum held in Hearst.

Congratulations Guy!



Renée-Anne is relatively new to the NeORA Board of Directors and through her work with youth in West Nipissing she has made a name for herself in recreation. Always willing to put forward a strong effort – her hard work has paid off!

Congratulations Renée-Anne!



**Watch your email for a NeORA Training needs survey...
great prizes for responses!!!!**

Sault Ste. Marie City Council Approves Skatepark

Construction of the new concrete skatepark began in mid-September. The phase 1 street-style facility, located at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Complex, will be built at a cost of \$338,000.

Funding partners include the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Superior Community Skatepark Association. The phase 2 bowl component is dependent upon additional funding.



Upcoming Workshop Opportunities

Tobacco-Free Sports



Goal: To enhance efforts by health, recreation and youth leaders interested in addressing Tobacco-Free Sports and Recreation (TFSR) in their communities.

Objectives:

- To facilitate exchange of information and knowledge about the importance and rationale for TFSR
- To discuss the importance of policy initiatives and best practices for policy development
- To provide best practices information on TFSR
- To provide easy-to-use resources for health, recreation and youth leaders in their own community

Location: North Bay - open to all districts

Date: to be confirmed 2009

Cost: Free (lunch included)

For further information, please contact:
Kim Bouffard - kim.bouffard@nbdhu.on.ca
Phone: 1-800-563-2808 ext. 2536

Presented by:



It's time to refresh your MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL POLICY!

One day "FREE" workshop for municipalities in the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts interested in updating their existing Municipal Alcohol Policy or who need to develop a more effective Policy.

Monday, February 9th, 2009 (please confirm interest by November 28)

If your municipal leaders/organizations are interested in attending, please contact Lydia Weiskopf-Tran for registration information - lydia.weiskopf@nbdhu.on.ca or call 474-1400 ext. 2535

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Please visit www.neora.ca for our workshop training schedule

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www.HIGHFIVE.org



2008 Play Works Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program

The application form for the 2008 Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program is now available online. The deadline for application is December 1, 2008 and we encourage all members to review the materials and apply to be recognized as youth friendly. A community can be a municipality or a neighbourhood. For more information and to download an application please visit: www.playworkspartnership.ca



Ontarians are making a difference!

Each year, through the Honours and Awards Secretariat, we honour Ontarians who make our province a better place to live and we celebrate the contributions of our seniors and young people.

We acknowledge outstanding achievement in education, health care, business, science and medicine, community service, the arts, and many other fields. And we honour the volunteers of every age who contribute selflessly to building caring communities across Ontario.

These individuals serve as an example to us all and we encourage you to help us honour them by nominating someone in your community who deserves special recognition.

For more information, please visit: www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/honours

Ontario Trails Council

The Ontario Trails Council web site www.ontariotrails.on.ca now showcases over 1,000 trails, making it the largest, most comprehensive portal of Ontario's paths to adventure! Site visitors can search for a trail by trail name, region, or by one of 20 different activities.



Whether you want to take the kids for a hike near the cottage this weekend, find a water route for that long-awaited canoe trip, or can't wait to take your new ATV for a spin, finding your trail is a snap!

But that's just the beginning - we're on our way in search of the next 1,000 trails and we hope you will help us spread the word and keep the trails coming. Together we can make Ontario the best destination for trails and trail activities for the benefit of all.

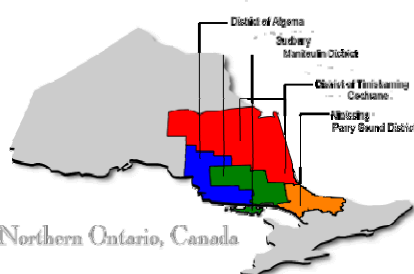


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NeORA in collaboration with its many partners provides training and development and acts as the representative voice for municipal recreation, community sports and active living in Northeastern Ontario.

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