



## National Youth Model Update

### **National Defence Online (NDOL) provides funding for the “Connecting Youth” component of the Canadian Forces (CF) Youth Programs and Services Model**

The Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency’s National Project Team is pleased to announce that work will soon begin on the “Connecting Youth” component of the CF Youth Programs and Services Model.

The “Connecting Youth” core component is focused on the following activities:

- 1) supporting transition;
- 2) easing the stress of relocation;
- 3) building and sustaining meaningful relationships; and
- 4) developing a sense of belonging within the community.

The model is a framework on which collaborative planning will ensure that CF youth aged 12 to 18 years will have unrestricted access to quality, responsive and meaningful programs and services wherever they live.

NDOL operates under the Government On-Line (GOL) initiative to provide the Canadian public with on-line access to key federal government programs and services.

Information on the scope of this project will be available shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Anne-Marie Vaz at (613) 992-2328 ([vaz.am@forces.ca](mailto:vaz.am@forces.ca)) or Laurie Ogilvie at (613) 995-7802 ([ogilvie.l@forces.ca](mailto:ogilvie.l@forces.ca)).

### Serving a rural population??

Here is a really easy to read summary of recommendations which youth have developed to help communities attract and keep them in rural areas.

While the data was generated from rural Ontario youth, the information is transferable to all regional areas.

[http://www.torc.on.ca/torceng/conf/\\_overlay/YOUTH%20GUIDE.pdf](http://www.torc.on.ca/torceng/conf/_overlay/YOUTH%20GUIDE.pdf)

### **Government of Canada Sponsorship Program**

The Government of Canada has announced funding opportunities for community events large and small, from coast to coast. The Government of Canada Sponsorship Program is a way for the federal government to demonstrate its commitment to improved communications with all Canadians . Here's what they are looking for:

- Events from coast to coast;
- Event must be presented by a non-profit organizations;
- Varied types of events;
- Presence for government at the event;
- Strong community support; and
- Solid organization and administration

For all of the details and an application form check out [www.communication.gc.ca](http://www.communication.gc.ca) and follow the link to Government Sponsorship.

*There is more  
to life than  
simply  
increasing its  
speed.*

*-Mahatma  
Gandhi*



Fred Williams, Greenwood CRD, with Jill Jackson, Greenwood CRC and Stacey Robichaud, Halifax CRD, at the Greenwood volunteer recognition event in April

Former NRYSM receives recognition for his contribution to recreation and youth services.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Earle Morris was presented with the Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) Trillium Award. This award recognizes long service and dedication to parks and recreation through professional improvements or significant involvement in advancing the impact of parks and recreation within Ontario. See the Parks and Recreation Ontario website for more information at [www.prontario.org](http://www.prontario.org).

Canada Wide Granting Foundations

Recognizing the increasing importance of seeking outside sources of funding, the Rec Room! will be highlighting two or three organizations in each edition which have a history of granting funds to sport, recreation and youth initiatives.

The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation  
174 Avenue Road

Toronto, Ontario M5R 2J1

Contact: Betty Emperatori

Website: [www.metcalffoundation.com](http://www.metcalffoundation.com)

Application deadline: Before April 1 and September 15 (for semi-annual meetings). Applications submitted by fax will not be accepted.

Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada

3204 Kingsley Street

Victoria, British Columbia V8P 4J6

Contact: Jack M. Lysne, Secretary-Treasurer

Phone: (250) 592-2651

Fax: (250) 592-2651

Application Procedure: Write to the secretary –treasurer to obtain an application form.

Did you know?  
Your local MFRC has a  
charity registration  
number...another great  
reason to partner.



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**Canada's 2003 National  
Parks and Recreation  
Conference and Trade  
Show**

**October 1 - 4, 2003**

**Le Centre Sheraton Hotel Montréal  
Montréal, Québec**

Register online at [www.cpra.ca](http://www.cpra.ca)

CFPSA Youth Services Web Page goes LIVE!

You can now access important information on PSP youth services right on the CFPSA website at [www.cfpsa.com](http://www.cfpsa.com)

Click on the PSP page and follow the link to youth services.



## SISIP volunteer recognition events great successes.



The last few months have seen an amazing amount of activity in the world of volunteer recognition. Thanks to the financial support of SISIP and increased partnerships between PSP community recreation and MFRCs many of this year's events have proven to be the best ever.

Credit must be given to the hard working staffs from both the MFRCs and PSP recreation who have organized events consisting of everything from boat cruises to formal dinners. Each location has added its own local flavour resulting in unique and meaningful recognition events.

The importance of volunteer recognition cannot be understated. With the generous financial support of SISIP and the dedication of PSP and MFRC staff from coast to coast, in Europe and the US, our volunteers are truly being celebrated!

## Choosing Summer Day Camps: What Do You Look For? *Tips for Parents from Family Living Canada*

- a) What experience and training do the Camp Counselors have? (Are they trained in CPR and First Aid and have they taken any Leadership courses?)
- b) What is the Camper to Staff ratio? (a good ratio for children less than 8 yrs is 1-5)
- c) What is the Emergency Medical Procedures? (Who gets called and how?)
- d) Are the activities well balanced and will they suit my child(ren). (Programs are planned well in advance..ask for a copy of the schedule)
- e) Can siblings or friends be in same group? (more important to some than others)
- f) Are there any extra fees? (Before and after care, or special outings may cost more)
- g) Will you be getting receipts? (Daycamp can be claimed as childcare expenses)
- h) Is the program municipally or privately run? (Important for insurance issues, if private ask for details)
- i) If the camp is a Specialty Camp (ie sports, computers etc), what are the qualifications of the Counselors? (It is important to know that those who are providing these type of camps will be providing a safe and entertaining atmosphere for your child)

Did you know that you can search for summer day camps in your area and advertise your own day camp for free at <http://www.summer-daycamps.com> . Check it out!

### The Canadian Playground Safety Institute (CPSI)

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association has finalized the CPSI program schedule for playground safety training courses for 2003. This program will assist you in providing safe quality play environments for children by teaching you and your staff how to make your play spaces and equipment safer through compliance with the CSA-Z614 standards, which were developed by the Canadian Standards Association. This program is comprised of both a theory course that will help you understand these very technical standards and a practical course to learn how to conduct a hands-on inspection/audit of your play space.

Below is a list of upcoming courses - please register now to reserve your spot and receive your course materials early. For a complete listing of 2003 courses and information on the program including program structure, course descriptions and certification, please visit the CPRA web site at [www.cpra.ca](http://www.cpra.ca).

Theory Course:		Practical Course:	
11-12 September	Toronto	20-21 October	Ottawa
15-16 September	Calgary	23-24 October	Halifax
20-21 November	Richmond, BC	30-31 October	Grande Prairie, AB
		13-14 November	Toronto
		24-25 November	Montreal (French)

### Recreation and Youth Websites

Human Resources Development Canada – Youth Employment Initiatives

<http://youth.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/common/home.shtml>

Info avail late Jan 2003

Economic Development NS Summer Employment

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/econ/pep/nseps/>

Military Teens on the Move – US Department of Defense

<http://www.dod.mil/mtom>

Youth Employment site – Canadian Foundation for Economic Education

<http://www.vector.cfee.org/>

Centre for Youth Development and Policy Research

<http://cyd.aed.org/whatis.html>

Leisure Information Network

[www.lin.ca](http://www.lin.ca)

Summer Active

<http://www.summeractive.canoe.ca>

Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport

[www.cces.ca](http://www.cces.ca)