

Caring for the Moraine

Rice Lake Plains Project Area

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Forests and Flying Squirrels!

Sabrina and Scooter the flying squirrels are coming to Northumberland! Biologist Steve Patterson, an expert on flying squirrels, has dedicated his career to raising awareness on this species and the importance of our connection to nature.

Sabrina and Scooter are Steve's "ambassadors for forest health" and are both captive born and raised squirrels that are licensed and monitored by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

On Wednesday, March 25 Steve will be bringing his little ambassadors to the Baltimore Recreation Centre as a part of an introductory Forest Ecology Workshop being offered by the Caring for the Moraine Project: Rice Lake Plains Area. The workshop begins at 6:30 pm but arrive early to view displays.

Ken Towle, Terrestrial Ecologist with Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, will start the workshop off with an introduction to Forest Ecology – a look at the importance of relationships between flora and fauna in a forest ecosystem.

The goal of the workshop is to raise awareness about the Oak Ridges Moraine and its role in supporting this type of ecosystem, and to provide residents the opportunity to learn more about the forests on their property and in their communities.

For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ashley Wilson at 613-394-3915 x 225 or ricelakeplains@ltc.on.ca. You can also learn more online at www.ltc.on.ca or www.moraineforlife.org.

The Caring for the Moraine Project: Rice Lake Plains Project Area covers the eastern flank of the Oak Ridges Moraine including communities such as Roseneath, Baltimore, Castleton and Centreton. Partners include Alderville First Nation, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, Lower Trent Conservation, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Northumberland County Forest, Northumberland Land Trust, Northumberland Stewardship Council, Ontario Parks and Tallgrass Ontario.

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