



CENTRAL OKANAGAN SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS SOCIETY ★

Central Okanagan Science Opportunities for Kids Society incorporated in October 1995. We are a federally registered charity dedicated to providing dynamic, hands-on science and stewardship programs for the children and families in the Central Okanagan.

Our science programs focus on all fields of science and on introducing youngsters to future career opportunities. Through positive and interactive programs we enthuse, provoke and inspire children to explore and pursue their interests, their knowledge and life-long learning. Our environmental science programs are field-based with visits to natural areas and wild spaces.

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Past Science camp staff

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Kelowna Farmers
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Accolades for Science Camp

"Registration was simple and when we arrived to 'check in' on Day 1, we were warmly greeted and well informed. Information sheets were clear and well-written. Nic and Tay enjoyed the Camp immensely. Instructors were organized, helpful and enthusiastic. We'll be back! Thank you, Shannon Linden, Abu Dhabi,

Our Board of Directors and volunteers are comprised of community members from a variety of professions who support our goals and philosophy of bringing hands-on science to children in the Okanagan

Are you Interested in becoming a volunteer? Please contact SOKS



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SOKS Summer Science Camp

SOKS Science Camp has moved to 20 acres and a brand new location at Aberdeen Hall School near the UBC Okanagan campus.



The SOKS staff are really excited about the opportunity to work with Aberdeen Hall on offering summer camps on 20 acres of ponderosa pine bunch grass above Roberts Lake. The viewscape is spectacular and the new science lab comes complete with a

SMART boards which will keep the kids enthralled.

This year we have twelve camps, four for senior campers ages 9 to 13 and eight for junior campers ages 6 to 8.

Camp themes in 2009 are **Earth and Its Critters: A Look At How Wildlife Survive**, and **Pop, Fizz Kaboom: Exploring All Kinds of Energy**.



SOKS PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO RECEIVE FEDERATION OF BC NATURALISTS AWARD

The Daphne Solecki Award, given by BC Nature- the Federation of BC Naturalists, recognizes an individual who has contributed to nature education for children in BC. This year, the award goes to Kelowna's own Jennifer French, founder of the

Science Opportunities for Kids Society – SOKS. For fourteen years, SOKS has brought science and nature closer to Kelowna area children with in-class presentations, projects and summer camps.

"Jennifer has worked diligently to achieve something she believes in," said nominators Pat Westheuser and Fiona Flook, "to ensure that youth here have the opportunity to learn more about our natural world."



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Science : What to Visit in the Okanagan



Okanagan Observatory, Kelowna

This brand new building has free public viewing of the night sky throughout the summer. The Observatory is located 4 kms up Big White Rd from Hwy 33. See their web site for more information <http://www.okanaganobservatory.ca/>

Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan (EECO), Kelowna

www.regionaldistrict.com
Apr-Aug - Weathering the Change
July-Aug - Discovery Backpacks

Okanagan Science Centre, Vernon

www.okscience.ca
100 Years - A Countdown to Life
April-October 2009

Allan Brooks Nature Centre, Vernon

www.abnc.ca
July 18th - The Nature of Snake
Aug 9th - How the Valley was Formed

Nk'Mip Desert Centre, Osoyoos

www.nkmipdesert.com
Explore the walking trails and meet endangered creatures in Canada's only desert.

Go swimming at Paul's Tomb beach and picnic area and look for the underwater Ogopogo statue!

Take a Walk on the Wild Side: Paul's Tomb Trail

Knox Mountain Park offers a scenic 2km hike down to Paul's Tomb. This historic site is named after Rembler Paul, where the arched front of his tomb is still visible above the mound of soil. Paul's Tomb is also an underwater park, with a statue of Ogopogo eight metres beneath the water.



DID YOU KNOW THE OKANAGAN VALLEY HAS ITS OWN ALLIGATORS ?

Creature Feature: Alligators in the Okanagan?

It's true, but the alligators in our valley look more tiny crocodiles. Alligator Lizards are smaller, too- between six and ten inches long. They're camouflaged in brown tones and are quick and shy. They often live among rocks and shrubs on south-facing hillsides.



Try This at Home: Make a Waterscope

This summer, make a waterscope and take it to your favourite lake or stream to see underwater life close up!

Stretch plastic wrap over the top of the container and secure it with an elastic band.

Make sure to recycle the lid!



Joanne Beaulieu

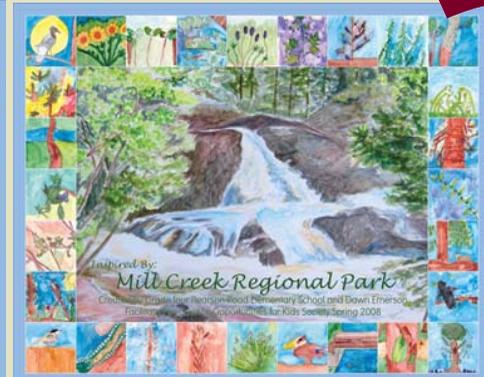
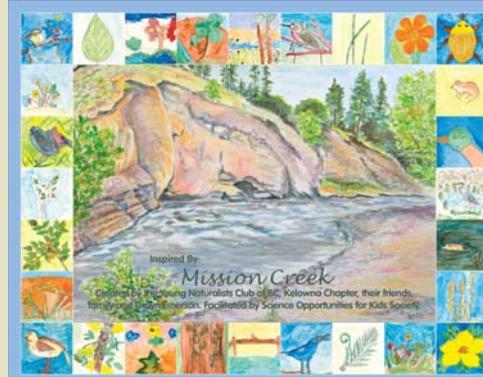
With an adult's help, cut the bottom out of a plastic yoghurt container and smooth any rough edges.

Place wrap-covered end into the water - it should be watertight - and hold it several centimeters underwater for a view of life underwater.

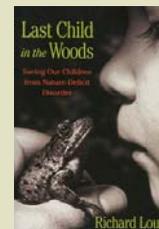


Physical sciences activities are favourites at camps and in classrooms

ART MEETS SCIENCE :Okanagan Waterscape Project Phase 3



The Nature Child Reunion



The Kesho Trust's Nature Child Reunion initiative aims to re-enchanted children with a direct experience of nature and an understanding of the web of life by fostering a closer connection between children and the natural world. For more information about how to help your child re-connect with nature, visit www.naturechildreunion.ca

