



Boreal Learning Network

Session Activities

WELCOME TO THE BOREAL LEARNING NETWORK: SESSION 2

On behalf of our advisory committee, partners and funders, the Sustainability Network welcomes back our participants to this second workshop retreat. Photos in this information package are courtesy of Ron Thiessen, CPAWS Manitoba. The Boreal forest is at the heart of this project with opportunities to learn, share knowledge, increase understanding, build contacts and collaborate. We look forward to feedback from our participants for ideas and activities in the next session.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2008

12:00 PM Arrival and Greeting

Lunch is available as people arrive and are greeted.

1:00 PM Welcoming Ceremony

1:15 PM Introduction

1:30 PM Sharing Conversation

What have we been up to in Boreal since the last session?
Why have we come and what do we hope to take out of this?
What does protecting an area mean to us?

2:30 PM Reconvene for Discussion from Sharing Conversation

3:45 PM Break

4:00 PM Introduction to the Poplar River First Nation Strategy for Land Protection

Poplar River First Nation representatives Sophia Rabliauskas, Ray Rabliauskas and Eddy Hudson introduce the action their community has taken to protect their land, and what is happening now in Poplar River First Nation

5:30 PM Break

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Fireside Chat: THE BIG WIN: The Amazing Story of How the Boreal Forest Grew from a Little-Known Place to a Major Conservation Promise by the Ontario Government

Janet Sumner, Executive Director of the Wildlands League, speaks on the many steps and people involved to make this 10-year effort a success to be celebrated for future generations

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2008

7:30 AM **Hot Breakfast ☺**
available until 8:20 am

8:30 AM **Reflections and Comments**

9:00 AM **Panel Presentation & Discussion**
SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION TO PROTECT LANDS
Poplar River First Nation, Natural Resources
Defense Council & Canadian Boreal Initiative

A panel discussion from some of the groups involved in protecting the lands of Poplar River First Nation

11:00 AM **Identify Common Action Opportunities**

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **Outdoor Hike / Indoor Relaxation**

Delta Marsh Research Station is part of a designated game-bird refuge and wildlife protection area, most of which was designated in 1987 as an ecologically significant area. Established in 1966, the Station is a member of the Organization of Biological Field Stations and the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network.

2:00 PM **Skills Workshop: Participants' Choice**

- **INFLUENCE AND PERSUASION WITH GOVERNMENT**
Anna Baggio, Wildlands League &
Sam McKay, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug
- **ENGAGING FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES**
Ron Plain, TIERS/Environmental Defence &
Jennifer Simard, Mushkegowuk Environmental Research Centre

4:15 PM **Break**

4:30 PM **Next Steps for Action Opportunities**

5:30 PM **Break**

6:30 PM **Dinner**

7:30 PM **Open evening for bonfire/socializing**



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FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2008

7:30 AM Hot Breakfast ☺
available until 8:20 am

8:30 AM Reflections and Comments

9:00 AM Skills Workshop
HOW TO ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS & INITIATE
ACTIVITY BETWEEN FIRST NATIONS
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL NONPROFITS
Ron Thiessen, CPAWS Manitoba &
Chief David Crate, Fisher River Cree Nation

10:30 AM Evaluation and Wrap-Up

11:00 AM Closing Ceremony

Lunch is available to "grab and go" or linger



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