

NEWS RELEASE

THE ULTIMATE AQUATIC WORKSHOP: RIVER BUGS AND FLY FISHING — *Opportunity for Volunteers*

OTTAWA, September 17, 2012 — City Stream Watch, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the Ottawa Flyfishers Society are pairing up on Saturday, September 29 for the fifth annual aquatic insect and flyfishing workshop!

Freshwater benthic invertebrates are animals without backbones. These animals live in our streams during some period of their life. They are an important part of the food chain and play a large role as biological indicators of river health. They are extremely important to both stream watchers and fly fishers.

The day will be broken into morning and afternoon sessions. During the morning session (9:30 to 11:30 a.m.) participants will learn how to sample for benthic invertebrates and how to identify the different orders. This portion will be of a “hands on” nature and will be taught by Rideau Valley Conservation Authority staff.

After a light lunch, the Ottawa Flyfishers Society will take over, providing fly casting demonstrations and pairing up with other participants for a little more “hands on” experience of a fishing nature. Equipment will be provided. This part of the program should run from about 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Due to the nature of the program, we must limit the session to 30 people. Signup will be by email, and there will be a waiting list for those who email after signup is full, in case of cancellations.

WHEN: Saturday, September 29, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Jock River Landing (mouth of the Jock River at the Rideau River)
http://maps.google.ca/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=&daddr=45.260328,-75.708289&hl=en&geocode=&sl=45.260374,-75.709105&sspn=0.007461,0.013711&vpsrc=0&t=h&mra=mift&mrsp=1&sz=16&ie=UTF8&z=16

PLEASE BRING: Drinking water, snacks, sun block, rain gear (if necessary)

To register, please email:

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