

Acadia Life Long Learning
Summer 2010 Expedition Application



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Phone _____ EmailAddress _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

MEDICAL INFORMATON

Dietary restrictions _____

Medical conditions/restrictions (i.e. diabetes, any physical limitations) _____

I am willing to provide my vehicle to transport participants/equipment on the expedition.*

If yes, how many people can you take? _____ Vehicle make? _____

*Compensation for mileage will be shared by passengers. We are trying to limit the number of vehicles to reduce the cost and to limit our environmental footprint on this trip.

REGISTRATION FEE

Please send registration fee of \$20 with this application. For additional costs see the Expedition Description.

Number of participants _____ X \$20/person = _____

PAYMENT

Cheque or money order payable to Acadia University.

Visa Mastercard American Express

Card# _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Applications and fees are due on or before June 18, 2010. Return this form with payment to:



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Acadia Lifelong Learning Expedition 2010
Beaubassin July 26 – 30
Agenda

Monday – History

12:00 noon - Arrive at Camp Beaubassin for lunch and unpacking.
2:00 p.m. - Tour Fort Beauséjour
5:00 p.m - Supper at Camp
7 :00 p.m. - Buddy Holly Show – Tantramar Theatre in Amherst

Tuesday – Birds

8:00 – leave for Amherst Point Bird Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. – head for Port Elgin
12:00 noon – picnic lunch at Port Elgin
3:00 p.m. – back to Beaubassin for snack and clean up
3:30 p.m. – Sackville – cultural entertainment and supper
7:00 p.m. - evening visit to Sackville Waterfowl Park.

Wednesday – Geology

8:00 a.m. - depart for Joggins Fossil Cliffs
9:00 a.m. – museum tour
10:00 a.m. - guided beach tour
Noon – picnic lunch
1:00 p.m. – head for Springhill to visit the Tour a Mine
5:00 p.m. - back at Beaubassin for supper
7:00 p.m. – relaxation and presentation on plant identification and pressing by Ruth

Thursday – Botany

8:30 a.m. – head for Wards Falls Trail
Noon – lunch at the trail head
1:00 p.m. – visit Parrsborro area (several options)
5:00 p.m. – back at Beaubassin for gourmet supper

Friday – Home

7:00 a.m. – breakfast, packing, cleaning
8:30 a.m. – depart for Truro or home (optional)
10:00 a.m. – Victoria Park
Noon – lunch at the Park and head for home

Acadia Lifelong Learning Botany Expedition 2010

Beaubassin July 26 – 30

Description

A third botanical expedition in partnership with the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre is planned for the week of July 26 to 30, 2010. ALL members are invited to sign up for a week of exploration, learning, camaraderie and fun. We will spend the week at Camp Beaubassin outside Amherst and explore the natural wonders of that region of Atlantic Canada. Camp Beaubassin is a field station operated by Acadia University, Ducks Unlimited and the Irving Family. It consists of a restored farm house with a new wing which houses a modern laboratory, a dormitory that can sleep up to 16, a fully equipped kitchen and a large sitting area with an expansive view of the beautiful Tantramar Marshes. Breakfast and lunches will be made on site and gourmet supper preparation and clean up will be shared by participants. Although the focus of the expedition will be to collect plants from various habitats for the E.C. Smith Herbarium at the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, we will also spend time learning about history, geology, birds and take time for entertainment.

Monday, we will arrive at Beaubassin at noon in time for lunch. During the afternoon we will visit Fort Beausejour, famous for the last battle in the long fight between Britain and France for control of Acadia. After supper, those interested will attend a Buddy Holly Show at the Tantramar Theatre in Amherst.

Tuesday morning we will visit the Amherst Point Bird Sanctuary, an incredible ecosystem and home to many migratory song birds, birds of prey and waterfowl. The park features a network of some 8 kilometers of walking trails with viewing platforms in one thousand hectares of marsh and forest. We will then push on to Port Elgin which has over 70 km of trails in the area, traveling through riverside parks, open fields and along the banks of the warm waters of the Northumberland Strait. We can explore the Monro Heritage Museum containing a trail interpretation centre, displays relating to Fort Gaspereaux National Historic Site and a community museum documenting the history of the village and the natural history of the Gaspereau River. We will return to Beaubassin before heading into Sackville for a cultural tour and supper in town. During the evening we will visit the Sackville Waterfowl Park to listen to a sunset chorus of marsh birds, the eerie cries of rail, coot, grebe, and bittern in a system of trails, boardwalks and viewing platforms that lead you through stands of alder and cattail and across broad expanses of open water, revealing the private lives of dozens of wetland wildlife species.

Wednesday will be a focus on Geology. We will visit the Joggins Fossil Cliffs where the earliest known reptile in the history of life was discovered, "Coal Age" trees stand where they grew, the footprints of creatures are frozen where they once walked, the dens of amphibians are preserved with remnants of their last meal, and the earliest reptiles remain entombed within once hollow trees. A stop in Springhill on our return will see us travel back in time at the Tour a Mine to the days when coal mining was the lifeblood of Springhill. The museum features many displays and former coal miners are on hand to answer questions and give guided tours of the wash house and lamp cabin. We will then be asked to dress in "slickers" for the most exciting part of the tour - a trip underground into what used to be an actual coal mine! After supper at Camp we will spend a relaxing evening and have a presentation by Ruth Newell on plant identification and pressing.

Thursday will be a day of hiking and plant collecting on the Wards Falls Trail, one of the most beautiful hiking trails in this part of the province. The trail is an easy, flat traverse along a valley floor, about 7 km return. It follows a crystal clear mountain stream right back to the falls. A magnificent waterfall emerges from a dark cave and huge granite cliffs loom above this spectacle. After lunch at the trail head we will visit the Parrsborro area with several options available and then return to Beaubassin for another gourmet supper.

Friday morning we will have breakfast, pack, and clean up the Camp. Some can head directly home and some will stop at Victoria Park in Truro for one last hike. The Park is a spectacular urban park with extensive boardwalks and bridges in a heavily forested old-growth habitat along with beautiful waterfalls and unique geological features. One feature is "Jacob's Ladder" which is a wood staircase comprising 175 steps up the side of the gorge. After lunch in the Park we will head for home.

Cost: The cost of the expedition will be \$150 per person which includes the registration fee, accommodations, all entrance fees to parks and entertainment, and all meals except for the one night out. Travel expenses will be the responsibility of individuals. We will attempt to organize car pooling and passengers will be expected to share in the cost of mileage with the driver. Please send \$20 with the application and the additional \$130 will be collected later and payable by cheque or cash to Harold Forsyth so that we will have the money in hand to cover expenses. Remember, space is limited to 15 people so it's first come first serve.