

In the cherry blossom's shade
there's no such thing
as a stranger.

- Kobayashi Issa



APRIL 2010

High Park Nature Centre

Earth Day is fast approaching! On **Sunday, April 25th**, the High Park Nature Centre will be holding our annual Open House and Earth Day celebration from 1 to 4 pm.

We hope you will come out and join us as we offer up an afternoon of nature walks, stewardship activities and crafts. There will also be special performances of 'Who Will Save the Trees?' presented by the High Park Kids Theatre.

There are a number of ways you can be involved with this event:

- Volunteer to help with the event—before, during and after!
- Donate an item for our raffle
- Collect and contribute Canadian Tire money
- Promote your eco-friendly business or sell your home-made green products
- Contribute a snack for our visitors
- Share your musical talents—live and unplugged
- Take photos at the event



Get in touch if you would like to help in any of these ways, or have your own idea for the event!

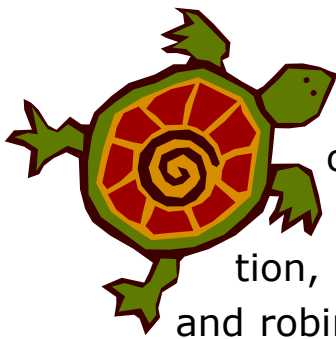
Spread the word about our Earth Day celebration—open to all!

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Cherry blossom season is fast approaching! Help us keep the cherry blossom updates current by e-mailing us with your blossom sightings!



What a fabulous time of year as animals emerge from hibernation, trees begin to bloom and robins and ladybugs make their appearance. It's also a great time of year to watch for other High Park residents— turtles and frogs!

The Toronto Zoo has two programs that your family can be involved in within your own neighbourhood— **Turtle Tally** and **Frog Watch!**

If you like turtles, sign up for the Ontario Turtle Tally at <http://torontozoo.com/adoptapond/turtletally.asp>. Just last fall our own Katie Krelve, Nature Centre Coordinator, found and re-located a Blanding's turtle.

If frogs are more to your liking, check out Frog Watch Ontario at <http://torontozoo.com/adoptapond/FrogwatchOntario.asp>.

Both of these sites have great resources that you can explore before taking on the Adopt-A-Pond challenge. The best part is that this is a portable activity! If you plan on travelling to the cottage, to camp, to visit family in other areas, take your checklist with you!

Many urban children cannot afford to leave the city to experience nature and have grown up without the physical and psychological benefits of experiences in the natural world. The Nature Centre needs your support to provide all urban children access wild nature in their city and enhance their understanding of the critical importance of ecological restoration and stewardship of biodiversity at home. Interested in how you can sponsor a class for our **Nearer to Nature Program**? Visit www.highparknaturecentre.com/donors-and-supportors



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