



ONTARIO STEWARDSHIP
"Sustaining Resources Together"

Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program

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Parry Sound Stewardship Ranger Crew

Southern Region

Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

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1.0 Introduction

This was the second summer in which there was a stewardship ranger crew based out of the Parry Sound office, attached to the Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council.

The summer seemed to go by extremely quickly, but the crew definitely made the most of it. They were involved in a number of projects including working with the McKellar Conservation Association with their efforts to construct better spawning beds for walleye on Lee's Creek in McKellar. The crew, as well as several SEP students, managed to place almost forty tones of rock into the river. They also constructed a number of Thunder Boxes for placement on Crown Land campsites, and participated in two camping trips, one of which they were joined by the ranger crew from Bracebridge.

While camping at Killbear Provincial Park, the crew was given an introduction to Fox Snakes, and to rattlesnakes. They also participated in a search for rattlesnakes with the Natural Heritage Education Leader from the park. The crew was unique this summer in that it was made up of rangers from a variety of hometowns. Cody England, from Etobicoke, remarked that the rattlesnake work was something that "he had never done before".

The crew worked extremely hard this summer and that is reflected in many of the comments given to us by partners. The following is a quote from Brooks Greer, Land Protection Program Manager for the Georgian Bay Land Trust concerning a clean-up project the rangers assisted on:

"I spoke at some length with Don Buchanan this morning about the cleanup you and your SRs helped him with on Monday. He was thrilled with the sheer volume of work that got done – and so are we. The trailer and shack and rubble were proving to be a real nuisance, I can't tell you how much I appreciate the great work you guys have done for us." – Brooks Greer

2.0 Team Contact Information

Name of OSR Coordinator: Eric McIntyre

Name	
Darren Bonenberg	Team Lead
Trent Nevin	Ranger
Cody England	Ranger
Tyson Pamajewan	Ranger
Evan Holmes	Ranger

3.0 Team Photo (with names)



EGBSC OS Ranger Crew (l to r): Evan Holmes, Cody England, Darren Bonenberg (Crew Leader), Tyson Pamajewan and Trent Nevin; standing in front of enormous fire pit at Moon River – soon to be rehabilitated.

4.0 Project Summary

4.1 Project Descriptions

Proj. #	Project Title	Work Description	Work Location	Program Area	Total Person Days (# of days on a project x 5 people)
1.	Aspen Valley Trail Work	The crew cleared fallen branches and small trees on the trail system at the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary.	Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary	Recreation	5
2.	Rose Point Trail Clean-Up	The crew cleaned up the Rose Point Community Trail. Tires, scrap metal, and other debris were removed from several creeks along the trail.	Rose Point Community Trail (outside Parry Sound)	Waters	9
3.	Chimney Swift Survey	The crew conducted a survey of many of the streets in Parry Sound to determine if there was suitable chimney habitat for the swifts.	Parry Sound	Wildlife	5
4.	Thunder Box Construction	The crew designed and built Thunder Boxes (bush latrines) for use on crown land campsites. Each ranger was given a chance to be foreman and lead the project.	Parry Sound Office	District	17.5
5.	McKellar Stream Rehab	The crew and several SEPs assisted the McKellar Conservation Association in placing roughly forty tons of river rock in the creek to help develop better walleye spawning habitat.	McKellar (Lee's Creek)	Fish	28
6.	Killbear Camping Trip	While camping at Killbear Provincial Park, the crew assisted with repairing a rattlesnake fence as well as mulching a trail.	Killbear Provincial Park	Wildlife / Recreation	7.5
7.	Moon River Camping Trip	The crew cleaned up a number of crown land campsites and installed/moved several Thunder Boxes.	Moon River (Arnold's Bay)	Lands	12

8.	Kapikog Trail Work	The crew assisted the Kapikog Lake Cottagers' Association with the clearing of a trail near the lake.	Kapikog Lake	Recreation	4
9.	Parry Sound Anglers and Hunters	The crew helped the local Anglers and Hunters to construct a needed safety fence at the club; the club was certified as a result of the rangers' work.	Parry Sound Anglers and Hunters Club	Community	2.5
10.	Kapikog Dam Work	The crew helped to clear away debris that had accumulated (from beavers) and blocked the dam.	Kapikog Lake	Waters	8
11.	Urban Tree Surveys	The crew surveyed roughly 10 intersections to help Natural Resources Canada with their urban tree inventory.	Parry Sound	Forests	5
12.	The Mass.	The crew helped out at the Massasauga Provincial Park with trail marking, trail maintenance, and repairing some of the foot bridges on the Baker Trail.	The Massasauga Provincial Park	Recreation	10
13.	Magnetawan First Nation Bear Wise	The crew delivered a Bear Wise (bear safe) garbage bin to Magnetawan First Nation.	Magnetawan First Nation	Aboriginal	2.5
14.	Sandy Island Clean-Up	The rangers helped the Georgian Bay Land Trust in cleaning up a recently acquired property. A great deal of debris and refuse was left on the site and the rangers cleaned it and got it ready for removal at a later date.	Sandy Island	Lands	4
15.	Fist Net Shelving	The rangers helped construct shelving units for the fish nets used in various activities by the MNR staff.	Parry Sound Office	District	5
16	Final Presentation	The rangers wrote, prepared, and delivered and end of year presentation to the other MNR staff detailing what they had accomplished this summer.	Parry Sound Office	District	4
17.	District Work	Various district work including cleaning out the truck, cleaning the ranger work area, organizing the work area, etc.	Parry Sound Office	District	7.5

Total # of Person Days Spent On Projects - 136.5

4.2 Total Person Days per Program Area

[Please use the data from 4.1 to create a summary of the totals for each program area below.]

	F&W	L&W	Forests	Parks	District	Community	Aboriginal	PERSON DAYS TOTAL
Person Days per Program Area	35.5	33	5	24	34	2.5	2.5	136.5

4.3 Projects Recommended for 2011

Title	Description	Location	Contact (Name, Organization and Number)
The Mass.	The staff at The Massasauga Provincial Park were extremely eager to have the crew back next year to assist with more trail maintenance / repairs / trail marking.	The Massasauga Provincial Park	Sean Smith 705-346-1528
Killbear Provincial Park	The rangers thoroughly enjoyed their time at Killbear. Repairing the snake fence and the intro to Fox Snakes were things they had never done before and really got a lot out of.	Killbear Provincial Park	Kenton Otterbein 705 342-5492x2304
McKellar Conservation Association	The rangers listed their work with MCA high on their list of great activities this summer. The Association was extremely appreciative of the crew's work and the crew learned a great deal.	McKellar	Mike Galley 705 389 3483

5.0 Partnership Summary

5.1 Partnerships Overall

Partner Name	Contact Name	Contact Info
Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary	Julia McLaren	info@avws.ca
Georgian Bay Coast Trail	Kirsten Spence	705 746 1283
Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve	Glenda Clayton	705 774 0978
McKellar Conservation Association	Mike Galley	705 389 3483

Kapikog Lake Cottagers Association	Gerry Haarmeyer	gjs.outdoors@sympatico.ca
Parry Sound Anglers and Hunters	Gerry Haarmeyer	gjs.outdoors@sympatico.ca
Georgian Bay Land Trust	Brooks Greer	416 440 1519 ext. 4
Killbear Provincial Park	Kenton Otterbein	705 342-5492
Massassauga Prov. Park	Mike Foley	705-378-2401
OMNR – Parry Sound District	Eric McIntyre	705-773-4218

Total Number of Partners: 10

5.2 Aboriginal Partnerships

(Please expand upon the information in 5.1)

Name of First Nations Community / Organization	Contact Name	Contact Info
Magnetawan First Nation	Leslie Joynt	(705) 773-4256

Total Number of Aboriginal Partners: 1

5.3 Partnerships Recommended for 2011

Recommendations for new partnerships next year

Partner	Location	Details	Contact Info
Wasauksing First Nations	Parry Island	See Leslie	Leslie Joynt, MNR, 705 773 4256

6.0 Education Summary

6.1 Education Overall

Description of Activity	Location	Person days (# days x 5 people)
Ranger Orientation / Training - The first day, going over rules/expectations and general program and district training that the rangers required for the summer. (Also ESY Module 1)	Parry Sound Office	5
First Aid training at the Bracebridge MNR office	Bracebridge Office	5
The crew received the necessary Health and Safety and WHMIS training at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.	Haliburton Fish Hatchery	4
The crew was trained in WDHP, Bear Wise, and Cold Water Boot Camp at the Bracebridge office.	Bracebridge Office	5

The crew was given an introduction to the Chimney Swift and the work being done to help this SAR. They were also shown how to conduct a survey to determine suitable habitat for the Chimney Swifts.	Parry Sound Office	2.5
The crew participated in Man Overboard training at the Parry Sound Office.	Parry Sound Office	2.5
The crew was given a tour of the facilities at the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary as well as some background info on the animals being treated there.	Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary	2.5
The crew participated in two workshops at the Bracebridge Office: The first pertained to wildlife habitat and managing your woodlot for wildlife; the second (Wildlife CSI) pertained to the duties/responsibilities/job of a Conservation Officer	Bracebridge Office	5
The crew was given an introduction to Fox Snakes and taken on a hunt to find/observe a rattlesnake with the Natural Heritage Education Leader at Killbear Provincial Park	Killbear Provincial Park	2.5
The crew was given an introduction to GPS technology and how to use it. They were then further shown by participating in a geocaching exercise.	Parry Sound	2.5
The crew participated in a Career Day at the Bracebridge Office. Several speakers outlined their education, employment history, and current position with the MNR giving the rangers a lot more info on the ministry and how to get started with them.	Bracebridge Office	2.5

6.2 Percentage of Time Spent On Education

(Please use the information from 6.1 to complete the following.)

A. Total # Person Days Spent On Education <i>(from above)</i>	39
B. Total # Person Days Spent On Projects <i>(from Section 4.1)</i>	+ 136.5
C. Total # Person Days For Entire Program <i>(A + B)</i>	= 175.5
D. Total Percentage of Time Spent on Education <i>(A ÷ C)</i>	= 22%

6.3 Ecological Sustainability for Youth (ESY) Education

	Mod. 1 (Yes/No)	Mod. 2 (Yes/No)	Mod. 10 (Yes/No)	Other(s) (specify #)
ESY Modules Completed	Yes			

6.4 Education Recommended for 2011

Title	Description	Location	Contact
Man Overboard Training	The crew learns how to operate a boat and how to rescue an overboard individual.	Parry Sound Office	Bart Brown (705) 773-4267
Stewardship Workshops	The crew learned a great deal from the two workshops they attended this summer (Wildlife habitat, Wildlife CSI)	Bracebridge Office	Kim Wendt 705-646-5536
Career Day	Several speakers outline their education, employment history, and current position with the MNR giving the rangers a lot more info on the ministry and how to get started with them.	Bracebridge Office	Kim Wendt 705-646-5536

7.0 Injuries & Incidents

7.1 Injury Summary

Purpose: To collect data concerning injuries within the Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program and to address the injuries in an effort to reduce and prevent their occurrence in the future.

Injury Type of Injury	Cause				Treatment		Result	
	Work Related	Recreation Related	Other Cause (specify)	Detailed Explanation	First Aid Req'd	Medical Aid Req'd	Time Lost (in days)	Employee Terminated

7.2 Recommendations for Avoiding Such Injuries

Type of Injury	Recommendation

7.3 Incidents Summary

Purpose: To collect data on incidents within the Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program in order to address any concerns in an effort to reduce and prevent incident occurrence in the future. Incidents include any occurrence or action adversely affecting routine operations of the work site or resulting in the dismissal of an Ontario Stewardship Ranger (e.g. vehicle accidents, behaviour problems with rangers, problems with partners, etc.)

Incident Type	Detailed Description	Location	Date
Damaged the truck	The crew was pulling off their campsite at Killbear Provincial Park and the crew leader turned the truck too sharply and scraped the side of the truck against the permit post.	Killbear Provincial Park	July 28 / 2010

8.0 Media Coverage

Have all Stewardship Rangers signed media release forms? Yes No

IF not, please provide the names of those who haven't: _____

Pitch	Staff Lead	Publication	Date	Reporter	Headline and Lead
Al Last (the reporter) was a member of the McKellar stream rehab project and decided to write about the experience working with the OSRs and SEPs	Darren Bonenberg	McKellar News	July 29 th , 2010	Al Last	"A common goal, young and old working together"

9.0 Final Program Evaluation Summary

9.1 Likes, Dislikes & Recommendations

Top Five things the Rangers enjoyed MOST about your summer:

1. Working Outside
2. Variety of Work
3. Doing something different each day
4. Learning new skills
5. Good supervisor

Top Five things the Rangers enjoyed LEAST about your summer:

1. Training
2. Small chest waiters

3.
4.
5.

Ranger recommendations to make this program better:

1. Buy bigger chest waiters
2. More working in the water
3. Working with the Conservation Officers
4.
5.

10.0 Memorable Quotes (Rangers, Team Leads, or Partners commenting on program or experiences)

Team Lead/ Ranger/ Partner	Full Name	Quote
Ranger	Cody England	"I enjoyed working on the rattlesnake fence and hunting for the snakes the most this summer because it was something I had never done before. I had never even seen a rattlesnake before."
Partner	Gerry Haarmeyer	"They worked along side some members of our Association and they too were impressed by the work ethic of the crew. A formal pat on the back to these young men."
Partner	Brooks Greer	"I spoke at some length with Don Buchanan this morning about the cleanup you and your SRs helped him with on Monday. He was thrilled with the sheer volume of work that got done – and so are we. The trailer and shack and rubble were proving to be a real nuisance, I can't tell you how much I appreciate the great work you guys have done for us."

11.0 Best Practices & Recommendations

11.1 Best Practices

Category	Best Practice
Administration	Keep a thorough record of hours worked by the ranger crew.
	Keep a thorough record of contact and partner information.
Aboriginal Communities	See the local Aboriginal Resource Liaison Specialist.
Communications	Contact partner (at least several days before the crew is scheduled to work with them in order to confirm details (dates, times, tools, etc.)
	Ensure cell phone is completely charged every night.
Education	Try to offset the not as enjoyable educational aspects (training) with more fun educational activities.
	Get the rangers to ask as many questions as possible; ensure they ask the questions to the partners who can answer them and not the team lead

	on the drive home who may not be able to answer them.
Health & Safety	Ensure that each ranger wears the proper PPE for the job and that they are constantly keeping an eye out for potential hazards.
	Encourage the rangers to be safety conscious and to speak out if they see/feel something that might be unsafe.
Partnerships	Include in ranger training a brief overview on how to work/ behave/ represent the MNR in dealing with partners
Recreation	Take the rangers swimming on hot days should the situation allow for it. Always bring a Frisbee, soccer ball, football, etc. on camping trips.
Work	Give the rangers goals for the summer and help them work towards those goals.
	Put the rangers in charge of various jobs; get them thinking about problem solving and about leadership
	Lead by example; rangers are more likely to respond to leads if leads are doing the same hard work the rangers are doing.

11.2 Recommendations

Category	Recommendation
Administration	Have pamphlets available for team leads to give to partners about the OSR program.
	Post ranger training records and timesheets in the warehouse and update as the summer goes on. This way they are both completed and available at the end of the summer.
Aboriginal Communities	Contact potential Aboriginal partners early in the summer to try and line up activities/jobs for the rangers.
Communications	
Education	Lighten the training load. Despite the fact it is necessary, the required training takes a large chunk out of the summer. Maybe merging several training topics into one would be a solution.
Health & Safety	Continue to purchase new equipment and several pairs of gloves for the rangers as they tend to wear out.
	Go over potential hazards with rangers before starting a job. This can be done early in the summer to reinforce this practice in the rangers' minds as the summer goes on.
Partnerships	Ensure that partners are aware of what jobs/activities the rangers can actually do.
	Contact partners throughout the year and keep a list/tally of potential jobs they might have for the crew once the summer roles around.
Recreation	
Work	Try and incorporate more educational work into the summer schedule.

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Appendix A Operational Expenses (ODOE)

2010 OSR EXPENSES

Team Name: Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Rangers
Team Lead Name: Darren Bonenberg

TRAVEL *(incl. field lunches, TL travel to Sudbury for training, parking, mileage)*

Date	Amount	Description
Total:		

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT (including Photography expenses)

Date	Amount	Description
June 28/10	49.32	Bug spray, sunscreen
June 28/10	39.50	Gloves
July 19/10	115.05	Thunder box supplies
July 19/10	37.92	Thunder box supplies
July 25/10	39.83	Camping supplies
Aug 13/10	23.05	Tree field guide
Total:	304.67	

OTHER (Training, Final BBQ)

Date	Amount	Description
July 26/10	145.62	Food for Killbear camping trip

GAS

Date	Amount	Description
July 7/10	73.11	
July 9/10	55.01	
July 16/10	93.01	
July 27/10	103	
Aug 5/10	11.91	
Aug 9/10	90.25	
Aug 19/10	102.50	
TOTAL:	528.79	

Truck Lease

Cost per Month	\$1303.75
# of Months	#2.5
Total Cost	\$ 3259.38

Total Expenses

Travel	
Tools & Equipment	304.67
Gas	528.79
Truck	3259.38
Other	407.65
Total	4500.49

July 27/10	39.98	Killbear camping supplies
Aug 4/10	89.65	Food for Moon River camping trip
Aug 5/10	7.03	Moon River camping supplies
Aug 24/10	18.69	Presentation supplies
Aug 26/10	106.68	Ranger appreciation gifts (field guides)
Total:	407.65	

Appendix B Program Events Calendar

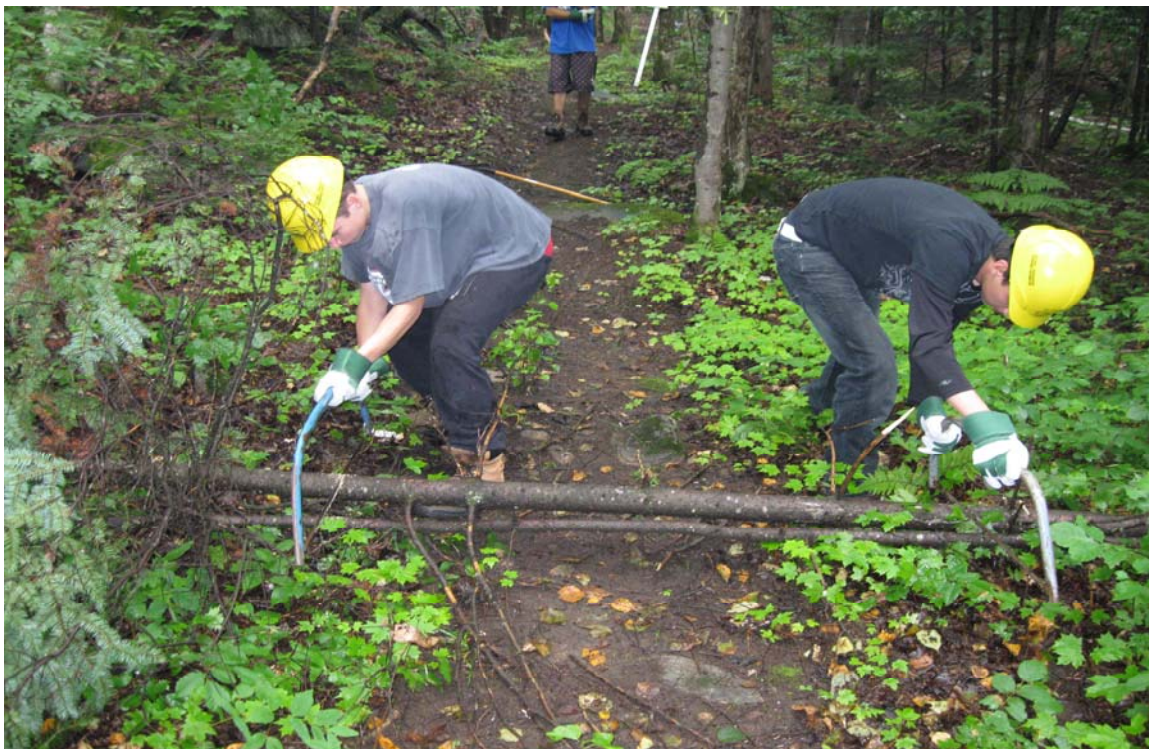
JULY 2010

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
			1	2
5 -Rangers Start-Paperwork, program intro/training; ESY 1	6 First Aid Training	7 Health and Safety Training	8 WDHP; Bear Wise; Cold Water Boot camp	9 Aspen Valley Trail Maintenance
12 Rose Point Trail Clean-up	13 Rose Point Trail Clean-up	14 Aspen Valley Trail Work / Tour	15 Chimney Swift Intro / Man Overboard Training	16 Chimney Swift Surveys
19 Thunder Box construction	20 Thunder boxes (morning) Wildlife Workshop (afternoon)	21 Thunder box construction	22 McKellar Stream Rehab Project	23 McKellar Stream Rehab Project
26 Thunder box construction	27 Wildlife CSI workshop (morning) Killbear camping (afternoon)	28 Killbear Camping / Work	29 Killbear Camping / Work	30 OFF (banked time)

AUGUST 2010

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
2 HOLIDAY	3 McKellar Stream Rehab Project	4 McKellar Stream Rehab Project	5 Moon River Camping / Campsite Clean-up	6 Moon River Camping / Campsite Clean-up
9 Kapikog Lake Trail Maintenance	10 Kapikog Lake Dam Work	11 Parry Sound Anglers and Hunters Project / Presentation Work	12 Presentation Work / Thunder box prep work	13 Urban Tree Surveys
16 The Mass. Trail Work	17 The Mass. Trail Work	18 Kapikog Lake Dam Work	19 Bear Wise Bin Drop Off / GPS Intro Activity	20 Career Day / Presentation work / District work
23 Sandy Island Clean- up	24 Fish Net Shelving construction	25 Presentation work / District work	26 -Rangers Done- Give presentations / District work	

Appendix C Minimum Top Five Project / Recreational Photos



Trail Maintenance at Aspen Valley



Thunder Box Construction



Snake Fence Work



Introduction to Fox Snakes



Trail Work at the Massasauga