

Education Program Accomplishments

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Q1 – January to March Break

- Escalation of teacher job action
 - Cancellation of nearly all Scanlon Creek field trips and planned workshops
 - Nature Centre visits converted to at-school experiences where possible
 - Launched POP-UP Scanlon School to assist families during school closures



Q2 – March Break to end of June

- COVID-19 pandemic results in the cancellation of all planned education programs and services
 - Within two weeks and with support from Corporate Communications, moved entirely online
1. Online Learning webpages
 2. Outdoor Learning with LSRCA Facebook group



Online Learning Webpages



Family at Play

Looking for some fun activities to do with your whole family? Look no further - everyone in your family will enjoy these simple, nature-based activities that are easily adapted to suit your child's age and abilities. Guaranteed fun for everyone!

[Read More](#)



Print and Play

Looking for some fun activities your child can do on their own? These fun nature-inspired activities are easy to understand and easy for your child to follow. It's a great way for your child to learn and for you to get some work done too.

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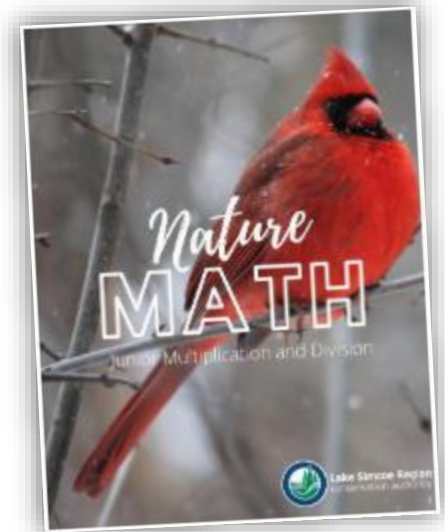
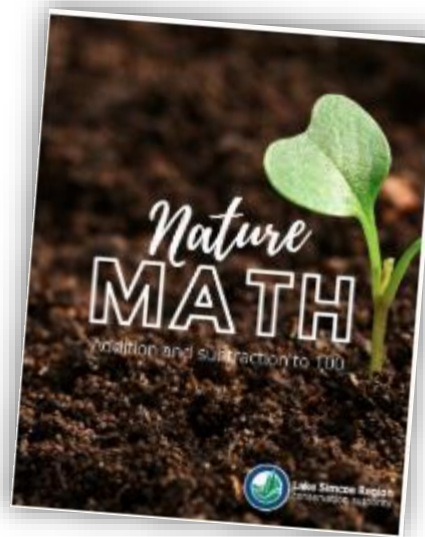
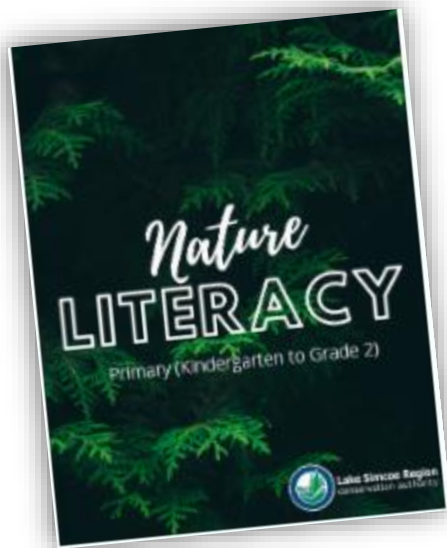
Learn at Home

Keep up with your child's learning with these free at home lessons. They won't fall behind with these nature-based activities that are grade-specific. Help your child continue with their studies and meet their individual learning goals.


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Online Learning Webpages

- Resource packages – literacy, math
- Page dedicated to [Neighbourhood Naturalists](#)




New Facebook Group



Group by Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority - LSRCA

Outdoor Learning with LSRCA

Public group · 1K members



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A vibrant red cardinal perched on a branch amidst lush green foliage. The bird is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing right. The background is a dense canopy of bright green leaves, with some branches visible. The lighting is natural, suggesting a sunny day.

#MathyMonday

#NeighbourhoodNaturalists

#WonderingWednesday

#ThoughtfulThursday

#FamilyFriday

#SeedySaturday

#LiteracyLinks



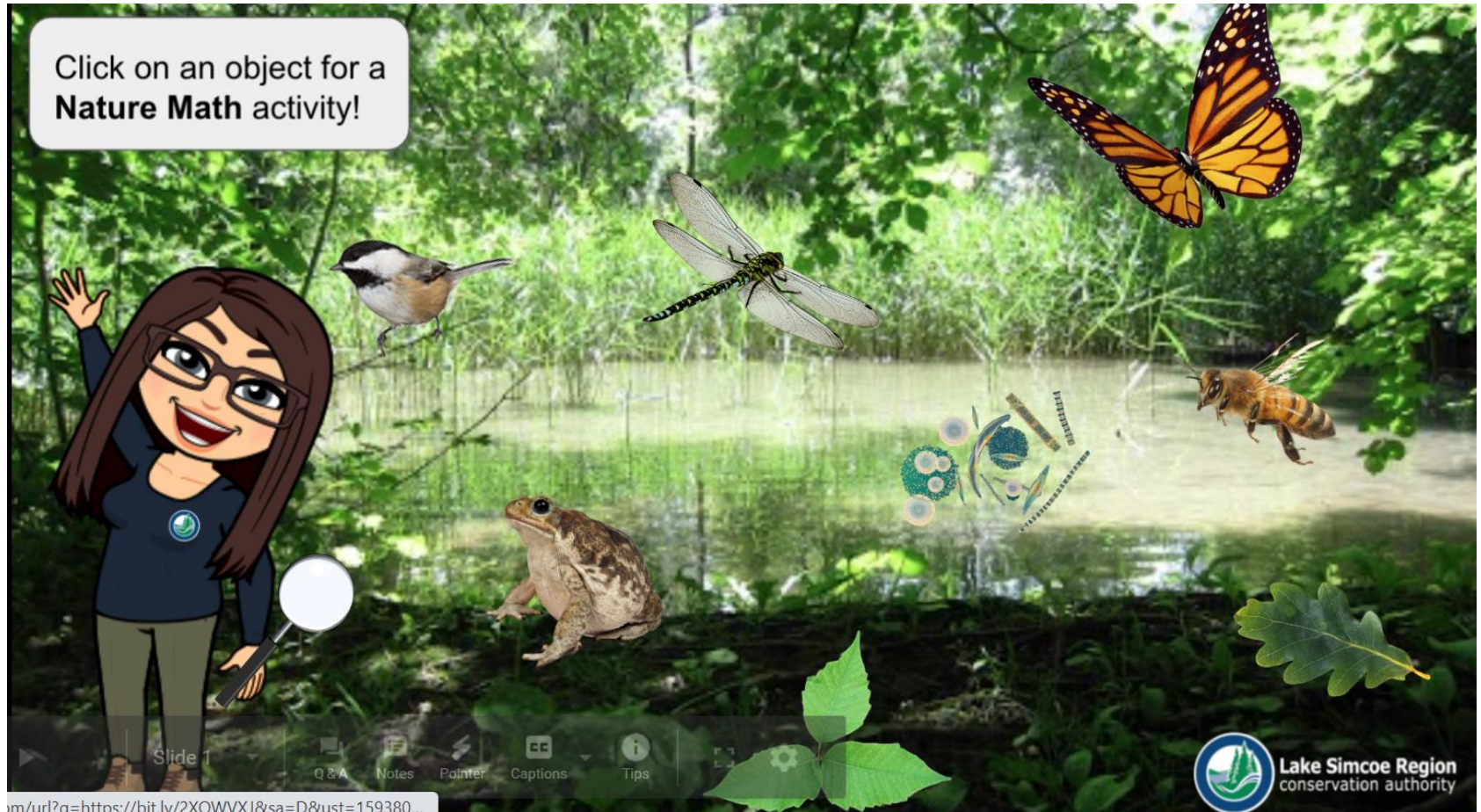
Driving Engagement



Plant Smashing








Interactive Google Slides





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Feedback

 **Deborah Diebel**
You and your coworkers are doing amazing work! ...
Love · Reply · 1w   3

 **Tanya Murray-Rampley**
You are knocking it out of the park LSRCA...love ...
Like · Reply · 5w  1

 **Erin Hassall** Thank you!! Can't wait to share with my students!! 🎉
Like · Reply · 1w  1

Spreading the Word

 **Town of Innisfil**
@townofinnisfil

Looking to inspire your child's learning? Join @LSRCA to learn in nature with educational resources that are both fun and engaging. It's amazing what a little fresh air will do to inspire learning. lsrca.on.ca/online-learning #outdoored



 **Child and Nature Alliance of Canada**
3 hrs · 🌐

What a beautiful invitation! The land loves us back!

Write a Letter to the Land

Think about how the land has provided for your well-being and write a personalized letter to the land expressing your appreciation.

What does the land provide to you (e.g. food, stress release, physical and emotional nourishment, energy, brain food, education, growth, leisure activities, a home, resources)?

How does the land support your health? How does being outdoors contribute to your physical and mental health?

Does being on the land make you happier? Which of your five senses are involved?

How has the land contributed to the well-being of your family, community, all of humanity?



Spreading the Word



East Gwillimbury

@townofeg

We're teaming up with the [@LSRCA](#) for Day 45 of the Health and Active Living Challenge! For this week's challenge we're learning about habitats. 🌳🌿 Can you find any habitats around your home? Watch  ow.ly/D7Y250zX4UZ for more info!

10:01 AM · Jun 5, 2020 · Hootsuite Inc.

↳ Ontario Today Retweeted



Lake Simcoe CA @LSRCA · May 28

[@CBCOntarioToday](#) A great way to reduce #ScreenTime is to take your kids outside to connect with nearby nature. You can find some fun outdoor activities on our website (bit.ly/2ZLkN0U) or join our outdoor learning facebook community here bit.ly/2ZN4SPp.



WE DID IT!

1000
MEMBERS!

Thank **YOU** for learning,
growing, and playing
outside with **US!**

Time to Transition...



Jenn Cloutier Jury

Thank you so much to **Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority - LSRCA** outdoor learning team for the last 3 months of fun, great outdoor ideas, creating family time options in forest and neighbourhood play. In this strange time we appreciate you, your participating family members and the fab team that you are. Can't wait to attend Forest School, your PA Day camps and your Family Nature Days. 🌳💚



What purpose did this all serve?

- Assure our watershed residents and community partners that we are still here to support nature connection
- Broaden our reach to new audiences
- Strengthen our reputation as leaders in outdoor education
- Develop our skill sets and expertise as we adapt and innovate
- Provide opportunities for collaboration both internally and externally
- Set us up for success for Q3/Q4 and beyond



Next Steps

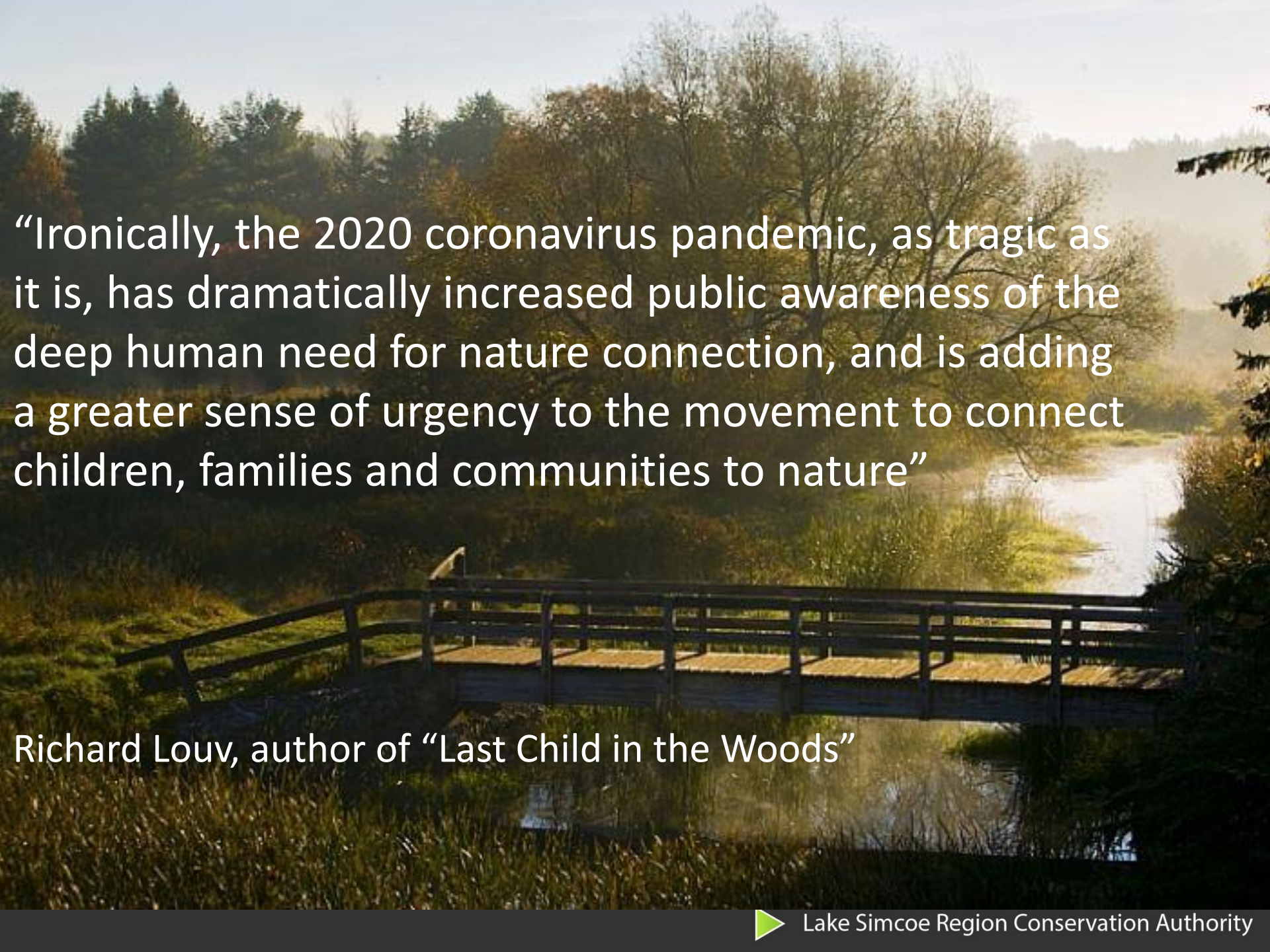
Summer Programming

- NEW online course
Introduction to Outdoor Learning
- NEW DIY Hike Series at Scanlon Creek
- Unplanned revenue opportunities

2020/21 School Year

- Awarded one-year contract extension with SCDSB
- Proposal accepted by YRDSB for new hybrid model of Grade 7 program delivery with focus on climate change
- Modified Forest School



A scenic view of a wooden bridge over a river in a forest. The bridge is made of dark wood with a railing and spans across a calm river. The surrounding area is lush with green grass and trees, some of which are in the foreground and others in the background. The lighting is soft, suggesting a misty or early morning atmosphere.

“Ironically, the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, as tragic as it is, has dramatically increased public awareness of the deep human need for nature connection, and is adding a greater sense of urgency to the movement to connect children, families and communities to nature”

Richard Louv, author of “Last Child in the Woods”



THE
comeback
IS ALWAYS
greater
THAN THE
setback



Thank You!

Questions?