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Local Education Programs beyond the TDSB to Broaden Ecological Literacy

The urban environment and local parks and ravines in the City of Toronto are valuable green teaching resources. Many organizations have programs that support environmental education in the City of Toronto. For programming close to your school, or aligned with your educational goals, consult the short list of organizations below. The EcoSchools program does not have sufficient staff to evaluate all these programs. Please tell your colleagues about your experience with these programs through the EcoSchools TEL conference.

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| <p>1. Toronto Renewable Energy Cooperative
 http://trec.on.ca/reeducation/schoolsprogram.html
 Program: Energy education, turbine visits
 Gr. 5/7/9
 Cost: Free
 Contact: education@trec.on.ca, Education Coordinator 416.977.5093 ext 224</p> <p>2. Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), http://www.trca.on.ca/
 Programs: Si/Tech, Geography, Ecology WOW, Kortright Centre, Lake St. George, Albion Hills Field & Claremont Field Centres
 Gr. 1-8 Cost: Varies
 Contact: http://www.trca.on.ca/school-programs/online-booking/416.661.6600</p> <p>3. The City of Toronto
 Programs: Sci/Tech, Geography, Arts
 Gr. K-8
 Cost: Varies
 Contact: http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/culture/mus_ed_guide.nsf/PgmSearch?OpenForm</p> | <p>4. Toronto Botanical Gardens,
 http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/schools.htm
 Program: Sci/Tech; Growing Under Glass, Living Winter Program & self-guided tours
 Gr. K-4
 Cost: Varies (Free or \$7 per student)
 Contact: Liz Hood, childrensprogram@torontobotanicalgarden.ca 416.397.1355</p> <p>5. Toronto Botanical Gardens, Allan Gardens Children's Conservatory
 Program: Growing Under Glass
 Gr. 3
 Cost: Free
 Contact: Children's Program Coordinator at the Toronto Botanical Garden 416.397.1288
 http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/allangardens.htm</p> <p>6. Toronto Botanical Gardens - Living Winter Program
 Habitat programs – for high needs communities
 Gr. 4
 Cost: Free, outdoor winter clothing is provided to students who cannot bring their own
 Contact: livingwinter@torontobotanicalgarden.ca http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/livingwinter.htm</p> |
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5. ACER @Humber Arboretum -
Measure and Mulch
<http://www.acer-acre.org/html/projects/letsplant.htm>
Program: Sci/Tech, Geography, Ecology
Gr. 6–12
Cost: Subsidy available to help with cost of bus
Contact: acerinfo@rogers.com 905.275.7685
6. Humber Arboretum -
Centre for Urban Ecology
<http://www.humberarboretum.on.ca/schoolprograms.htm>
Program: Sci/Tech; Ecology
Gr. K-8, HS: 9 & 10
Cost: \$6.83 per student ½ day; \$10.50 per student full day; minimum 20 students
Contact: naturecentre@humber.ca
416.675.5009
** Please note that your school may be eligible for funding through local sources. To find out more contact the Centre for Urban Ecology.
7. UofT Centre for the Environment
<http://www.cobweb.ca/index.php>
Program: COBWEB; Sci/Tech, Geography, Biology
Gr. 10-12 Cost: Free
Contact: Professor Brad Bass, Brad.Bass@ec.gc.ca 416.275.7685
8. Harbourfront
<http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/schoolvisits/>
Program: Toronto's Waterfront
Gr. 1-3, 7-8, 9-12
Cost: \$9-11, Subsidies available
Contact: registrar@harbourfrontcentre.com
416.973.4091 <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/schoolvisits/register/>
9. Parc Downsview Park,
http://www.downsviewpark.ca/eng/free_school_programs.shtml
Program: Sci/Tech, Geography
Gr. K-9
Cost: Free
Contact: learn@downsviewpark.ca
416.952.2222
10. The Royal Ontario Museum,
The Schad Gallery of Biodiversity
<http://www.rom.on.ca/schools/index.php>
Program: Two thematic areas: Biodiversity Spine, seven Ecosystem Experiences and Earth Rangers Studio—illustrate three core themes—Life is Diverse, Life is Interconnected, and Life is at Risk
Grades: 1-12
Cost: Varies
Contact: <http://www.rom.on.ca/schools/howbook.php>, visitor services 416.586.8000
11. The Toronto Zoo
<http://www.torontozoo.com/Schools/>
Program: Sci/Tech
Grades: K-12 (double check this with EI – appropriate for HS students???)
Cost: K-8; \$7, 9-12, \$8
Contact: Group Bookings: 416.392.5932
<http://www.torontozoo.com/Schools/GuidedTours.asp>
12. Ontario Science Centre
<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/school/curriculum/default.asp>
Program: Sci/Tech
Grade: SK-12
Cost: Varies
Contact: school_bookings@osc.on.ca,
416.696.3140