



Sinton Transportation and Rotary Club of Barrie helped transport kids to a winter wonderland

UTOPIA, Ontario, May 5, 2010 – What’s the best way to study animals from Canada? To go see them in their natural habitat.

That’s one reason why Mrs. Coulson’s senior kindergarten and Grade 1 students visited the Tiffin Centre on a wintry March day.

The other reason was because the class from Codrington Public School in Barrie was taking advantage of a bus subsidy program designed to encourage students to take part in year-round environmental education.



Mrs. Coulson prepares to board the bus with students (left to right) Madison Murphy, MacKenzie Herbst and Julie-Anna Vasquez-Mayes, after a day of fun and learning in a winter wonderland.

This was the second consecutive winter that Sinton Transportation and the Rotary Club of Barrie funded the program to reduce the cost of busing by half to visit the Tiffin Centre. The Centre is operated by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

“Since cutbacks, we haven’t been taking expensive trips outside of school,” says teacher Sherri Coulson. “We’re thankful to Sinton and Rotary for giving us the opportunity for a field trip that complements the curriculum that some families may not be able to afford.”

The program ran from November 30 to April 30. More than 1,700 students, from 31 area schools, visited the Tiffin Centre through the assistance of the program.

“Over the winter season, environmental education is carried out on snowshoes and kick sleds at Tiffin – offering unique opportunities many students never get to experience,” says Byron Wesson, Director of Land Operations & Stewardship Services. “We are very grateful for the support from our partners in helping to reach more children.”

To date this program has enabled approximately 2,500 students from 45 schools to join in on the winter fun.

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