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I am happy to report another very successful and busy summer at the Cape Sable Important Bird Area.

The greatest success of this project was our three Nature Camps. The children are learning about the environment and the importance of protecting our habitat and this is all possible through your funding contribution. All the children that attended the nature camps are anxious to return next year.

School presentations were done to Elementary levels about our endangered species (Piping Plover) and a poster contest depicting the Piping Plover. The three children's Nature Camps were held with full attendance. Guided plant walks were initiated to adults and children with great interest. Beach clean ups were one of the activities of the nature camps, teaching the children environmental awareness. Local history was part of the nature camps (trips to the Cape Sable Lighthouse with retired lighthouse keepers). There is parental interest in adult nature camps next year and local people volunteering to help with programs next year show great progress in the community towards the promotion of environmental awareness.

At our first Nature Camp we had our children attend the unveiling of the Provincial Parks Poster "Ripples in the Sand" at Sand Hills Provincial Park. We had a display board of Logos of our sponsors at the Welcome Center also on the application forms for nature camp.

Thank you for making the Community Education Through Awareness a reality.

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Nature Camp 2005



	MONDAY July 11, 2005 WETLANDS DAY	TUESDAY July 12, 2005 HIKING DAY	WEDNESDAY July 13, 2005 ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY	THURSDAY July 14, 2005 SEA SHORE DAY	FRIDAY July 15, 2005 CAPE LIGHT DAY
9:30 – 10:00	-Registration & Orientation -Name Tags -Introductory Games	-Orientation -Pack-up time	-Orientation -Piping Plover power point	-Orientation -Presentation of "Tony the Tern" by DNR representative (Reg Newell)	-Orientation -PLEASE drop off and pick up children at the Hawk IBA parking area instead of the Welcome Center
10:00 – 10:30		-Explore nature trail on Sherose's Island -Update nature check list	-Travel to Sandhills (Piping Plover beach) -Learn how to respect Piping Plover beaches with Nova Scotia Coastal Guardian Coordinator (Anna McCarron)	-Nature walk from Wind Whistle Hill property (at the Hawk) -Identification of plants, seaweeds, and mosses	-Leave for the Cape Sable Light *PLEASE bring your lifejacket
10:30 – 11:00	-Wetlands Power Point -Frog Identification	-Site Osprey's nest using spotting scope			
11:00 – 11:30	-Exploring time and lunch at Drinking Brook (North East Point)	-Lunch			-Children will enjoy a day of exploring the Cape and learning about the tallest lighthouse in Nova Scotia.
11:30 – 12:00		-Games			
12:00 – 12:30	-Travel time to Sandhills	-Travel back to center	-Lunch -Games	-Lunch on beach	
12:30 – 1:00	-Water Cycle Games	-Build swallow boxes	-Beach clean up -Explore the sea shore	-Beach walk to view American Oyster Catchers and Terns -Beach clean up	-Lunch (Hotdogs will be provided to roast if desired) -Games
1:00 – 2:00	-Pond life identification with Dianna from DNR				-Birding
2:00 – 2:30		-Basic bird watching information	-Presentation by Piping Plover monitors (Rosalyn and Krista)	-Snack at Hawk parking and picnic area -Talk about CSIBA birds -Game	-Snack -Travel back to the Hawk IBA parking area, will arrive around 3:30
2:30 – 3:00	Snack time	Snack- Dirt worm cake	-Snack	Craft time- Wood burning activity	
3:00 – 3:30	-Pack-up and travel time	-Games	-Sandhills Provincial Park Poster launch -Parents are invited to attend this public gathering -(Children will not return to center until approximately 4:00)		