

# H2O Forum: The Essentials 2019

## Information

**Date:** Friday March 22nd, 2019

**Location:** Royal Botanical Gardens Centre (680 Plains Rd W, Burlington).

**Cost:** Free\* (\*Schools must find and fund their own transportation to the event, and students are expected to bring a bagged lunch.)

**Audience:** Geared toward Grade 11 and 12 students, but all high school students are welcome.

H2O Forum: The Essentials, presented by Hamilton Port Authority and Bay Area Restoration Council, is a free water themed conference for 200+ high school students in the Hamilton and Burlington area. At the conference, students will learn how water is essential for life, past and current water issues, and determine what essential actions need to be taken in order to help achieve long-term sustainable and responsible use of our water resources for the future. The day will begin with a short introductory lecture on the history of the Hamilton Harbour and Cootes Paradise. After the introduction, students will rotate through a variety of stations including: guided hikes through Hendrie Valley with Royal Botanical Garden staff, hands-on activities, and a facilitated group discussion around solving water issues. During their one-hour lunch break, students will have the opportunity to meet with local organizations and professionals to learn about the variety of careers that relate to water and how they can get involved. We hope to inform and inspire our future leaders!

## Registration (Due March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

Scan and email: Christine Bowen at [cbowen@hamiltonharbour.ca](mailto:cbowen@hamiltonharbour.ca) or fax: 905-522-6066

Teacher in Charge Name:	Phone:
Teacher in Charge Email:	
School Name:	
School Address:	
Total number of adult attendees (minimum 1 adult is required for every 25 students):	
Total number of students:	
Grade levels of students:	
Any special considerations to be made/information we should be aware of (i.e. accessibility concerns):	



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## Liability (Due at time of registration)

As participants in the Bay Area Restoration Council's (BARC) and Hamilton Port Authority' (HPA) 2019 "H2O Forum: The Essentials" High school conference, we understand it is the responsibility of our group to:

1. Obtain the necessary permissions to participate in the program;
2. Obtain appropriate liability and personal accident insurance coverage for participants if required by the school;
3. Be aware of the inherent risks of hiking outside, and be prepared appropriately following school guidelines and policies;
4. Ensure that teaching staff and volunteers are with their designated student group at all times;
5. Read and understand the above, and acknowledge that BARC and HPA, their agents and employees are not liable for any bodily injury incurred or damage to or loss of personal property incurred while participating in the conference.

### *Photo/Video Release*

During the program event photos and videos may be taken for documentation and future promotion. If any students may not be photographed or videoed during the event, it is your responsibility to notify organizers the day of the event, upon signing in. Students that are not to be videoed or photographed will be asked to wear a wrist band to distinguish them from those that are allowed.

### **I have read and understood the above:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_