

TED^x **AlgonquinPark**

x = independently organized TED event

Algonquin Park means something different to each individual. Maybe you've only visited once as a child with your family. Maybe you depend on it for a living. Maybe it represents an escape from the everyday grind. Maybe you've explored every back country trail with a canoe on your back, or enjoy the flora and fauna from Frank MacDougall Parkway. We're all deeply invested, spiritually, emotionally and financially.

TEDxAlgonquinPark is an independently organized community event, designed to spark new ideas and conversations, taking place on **September 6th, 2012** at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre off of highway 60. A diverse collection of speakers will present thought-provoking ideas about recreation, conservation and forestry and relationships to Algonquin Park.

Speakers include the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation Chief Kirby Whiteduck, Olympic Champion Adam Van Koeverden, Researcher Dr. Kathy Lindsay, Classical Guitarist Adam Ruzzo, Artist Gene Canning and Logger Jamie McRae. Our goal is to introduce the audience to new ways of thinking about the park and their local communities. The TEDx program provides a positive environment to accomplish this.

A short application, opened during June and July, allowed would-be attendees to demonstrate a commitment to the event, how they are engaged in their respective communities and what they hoped to gain from participating in TEDxAlgonquinPark. The audience for the event will be as diverse as the speaker lineup, with various levels of experience with Algonquin Park, occupations, and lifestyles, living everywhere from downtown Toronto to Algonquin Park leaseholders.

Community support for the event has been overwhelming, and is in large part due to our partners who are continuing to help make the event a reality. Partners include the County of Renfrew, Ontario Parks, Canadian Forestry Association, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Algonquin Bound Outfitters and the Algonquins of Ontario. The Algonquins of Ontario were identified early on as a key player in the future of Algonquin Park and they have been instrumental in the progress made to date.

TEDx conferences are modeled after the original annual TED conferences which are week long conferences featuring experts from around the world. Talks from the original TED conferences are available at ted.com and highlight ideas from some of the world's leading minds on any topic from neurosurgery to history. TEDx conferences (the x denotes an independently organized event) were created to bring that energy and innovation to a community level.

A limited number of partnership packages are still available.
For more information check out www.TEDxAlgonquinPark.com