

SPECIALIST **HIGH SKILLS**

Halton District School Board MAJOR



BRONTE CREEK PROJECT

Program Overview:

The Bronte Creek Project (BCP) is a semester long environmental education program for senior high school students that encourages students to become effective environmental leaders. The Emphasis of the program is “learning by doing” which focuses on 4 topics: The Environment, Leadership, Community and Adventure.

At BCP you will learn about the natural environment, yourself, and work as a team, as teachers use a combination of academic & hands-on teaching styles. You’ll explore environmental issues, leadership theory, basic ecology, sustain ability, first aid, drama, creative journals, nutrition, orienteering, maps and compass use and communication skills. Together the class works hard to develop a close-knit community and learn how to “live lightly” on the planet as we prepare to

teach the Earthkeepers™ program to elementary students. You will then wrap your semester up with a 5-day adventure trip either snowshoeing or canoeing!

Students will also:

- Learn in an outdoor geography classroom
- Go indoor rock climbing
- Learn about low impact camping
- Participate in outdoor ecology studies and hikes
- Develop successful team skills
- Debate current environmental issues
- Cook eco-friendly lunches
- Meet guest speakers involved in environmental issues
- Learn about Eco Careers
- GPS training



 **PATHWAYS**

Course Package:

- Canada/World Studies: Environment and Resource Management (CGR4M, Grade 12 University/College)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (IDP4U Grade 12 University)
- English: Presentation and Speaking Skills (EPS30, Grade 11 Open, Group 1 Compulsory)
- Healthy Active Living: Outdoor Education (PAD40, Grade 12 Open, Group 2 Compulsory)

Specialist High Skills Major Option:

By completing the following courses, as well as spending a semester at BCP you can earn an Environment Specialist High Skills Major

- Grade 11 Math
- Grade 11 English
- Grade 12 Math
- 2 Cooperative education credits exploring environmental careers

Why Take BCP ?

Academics:

- Explore current environmental issues.
- Learn by doing in a diverse learning environment.
- Gain academic knowledge and hands-on skills.
- Give some depth to your resumé.
- Discover how you learn and how to study

Make a Difference!

- Teach Grade 4, 5 and 6 students about ecology
- Develop your leadership skills
- Gain valuable outdoor skills like rock climbing, snowshoeing, first aid, canoeing, orienteering with GPS units and more!

Application Details & Contact Information:

Check out www.brontecreekproject.org and download an application, then submit a completed application form to your school's guidance department.

For more information call the staff at BCP at 905-331-3502 or email us at staff@brontecreekproject.org

Program Fees:

The five-month BCP semester costs \$550. This includes daily transportation to the site, delicious lunches, a day of rock climbing and a week-long wilderness adventure trip (transportation, accommodation and meals). Bursary applications are available for those students in need of financial assistance.



A Typical Day at BCP

- 9:00 Hike: Biodiversity and tree identification
- 9:45 Geography: ecological footprint lesson
- 10:30 Cooking and group initiative challenges
- 11:30 Community Lunch
- 12:00 Clean up and small group committees
- 12:45 Earthkeepers Leadership workshop
- 2:15 Take BCP bus home

