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List of Activities/Events You Can Offer: Organizations

By registering your organization's activity or event with Take Me Outside Week, we ask that in promoting it you include the Take Me Outside Week name and/or logo. Find the logo at www.takemeoutsideweek.ca. On this same web page, there are more resources you can use:

- Event flyer/poster template
- Sample Public Service Announcements
- Sample media advisory and new release

Event Ideas

- Organize a Sharing Nature activities session or day camp for kids based on the activities found in the Sharing Nature with Children books or in the Sharing Nature Activities for Families and Youth Groups booklet <http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/files/SharingNatureBooklet-EN.pdf>.
- Offer guided hikes on some local trails. Partner with your local community trail organization or contact Hike Nova Scotia for help in finding a guide <http://www.hikenovascotia.ca>.
- Have a "senses" guided hike where you use activities that call upon all five senses to explore.
- Have an outdoor workshop on some aspect of nature, using fun activities from the Sharing Nature books or inviting a local naturalist, birder or biologist to lead an outing with one of these themes:
 - Trees
 - Birds
 - Butterflies
 - Amphibians
 - Finding animal signs
 - A specific animal
- Organize a night outing to watch the stars. Invite a local astronomer to lead the outing. Contact Astronomy Nova Scotia to request a speaker at <http://www.astronomynovascotia.ca>.
- Offer skills programs such as:
 - Wilderness camping skills <http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/pasr/nsold.asp>
 - Survival or shelter-building <http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/pasr/nsold.asp>
 - Nordic walking <http://www.nordicwalkingnow.ca/>
 - Orienteering <http://orienteeringns.ca/>
 - Geocaching <http://www.maritimegeocaching.com/trails-maps.html>
 - Leave No Trace <http://www.leavenotrace.ca/home>
- Organize a guided bike ride.
- Consider offering free or reduced entry rates during the event week for museums (with an outdoor aspect), parks and similar organizations.
- Offer a resource kit to schools with copies of the Sharing Nature books (which you can purchase at <http://www.sharingnature.com>).
- Train your staff or volunteers in advance of the event week through the Back to Nature training workshops <http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/workshops#back>.

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