

Project Blue Bird

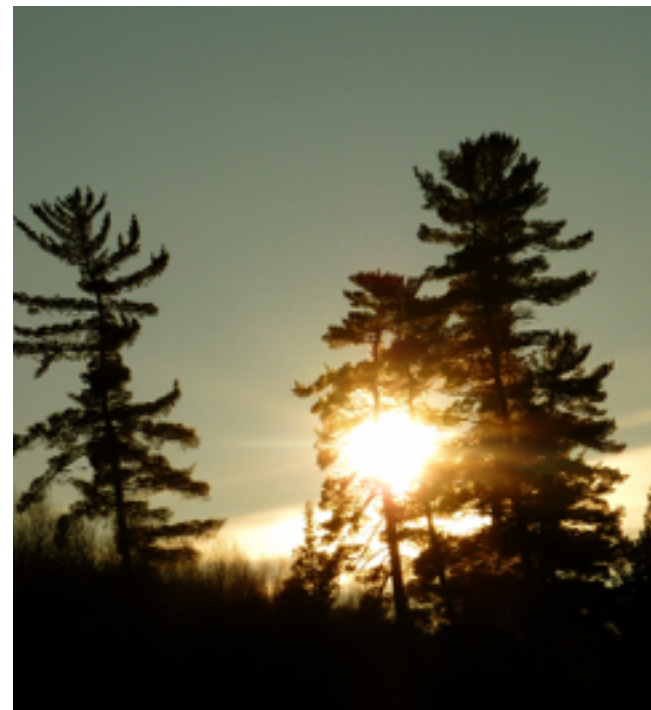
2015 Wilderness Field School

Environmental action for Canadian Boreal Forest

July 1-14 . July 15-31 / August 1-14 . August 15-31

Ecosystems training in Temagami - 5 hours North of Toronto and the world's oldest pine forest. This 14 day experiential program is guided by certified Canadian outdoor instructors, educators and environmental ambassadors from leading local-international NGOs.

Senior Outdoor Leadership (ages 16-20)





The motion of Canadian boreal waters in our spinal fluid: this be how we can and choose to move.

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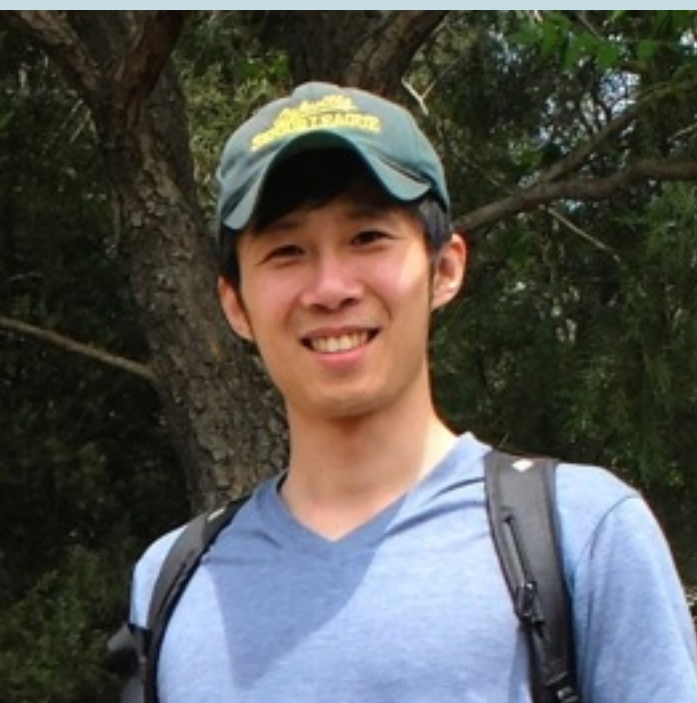
Project Blue Bird is an education network and growing environmental leaders is our business.

There is a place in the Northern Ontario Boreal.

Water will make the paddler jump in a canoe and move even at night. And the dizziness that comes when very rarely smooth water mirrors perfectly that milky way - we do not know which way is up and which way is down. This water will get into the paddler. Indigenous elders say look to the shoreline for purpose.

What does it mean to hold a canoe paddle? Standing with confidence, "I know how to move with the Boreal." This stance requires planted legs, squared hips and shoulders across which, from left to right, is the wingspan of any seasoned paddler. The audience of this confirmation will hand over their misery even under cold biting rain, focus and keep paddling to complete their canoe journey. They believe they can and will get there.

Wouldn't it be nice to rise above city skyscrapers. Look down and see no depth to this boreal water. So deep, don't drop your heart beat trying to figure it out. This place in the Northern Ontario Boreal is ancient and has liquid wrinkles weaving through landscape. Waterways: some just wide enough to fit a canoe. Some big with god-like wind punches. Blue berries cover some islands from when milkyway twinkles beamed indigo fruit to earth. Hidden in these berry bushes are time and quiet fulfilment, and they will creep home with the paddler's blue belly.



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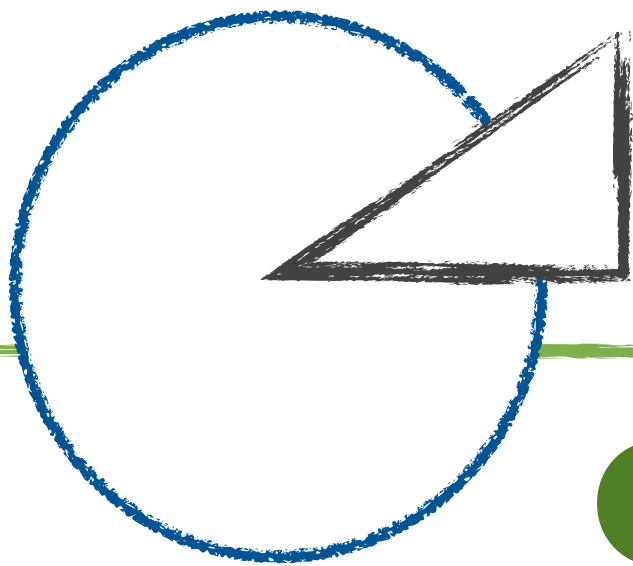
Liwei is a certified outdoor guide and environmental educator with nearly 20 years experience in the Canadian Boreal. He develops education systems with global scientists, NGOs and government. In 2013 Liwei inaugurated education programs for City of Toronto's newest 8-acres urban organic farm and in 2014, he advised Beijing Badaling National Forest in ecological landscape design. Liwei is a canoeist.

Social Enterprise directing profit toward social and environmental action

Project Blue Bird is directed by a registered non-profit environmental organization, while the for-profit business focuses on developing ecosystems education and network action. Growing environmental leadership is our business as a social enterprise.

2013	Excelencias Project, City of Toronto funded community food justice and urban agriculture leadership training
2014	Canadian Ecohealth Field School at York University, focusing on water-food-forest
2014	Building Global Community: Emerging Scholars and Practitioners of Ecohealth - Canadian Federal partnership
2015	Canadian Boreal Ecosystems Leadership, Project Blue Bird Wilderness Field School

The 2015 Wilderness Field School is an extension
from a series of environmental trainings in Canada.



10 participants per trip
and 4 trips in total

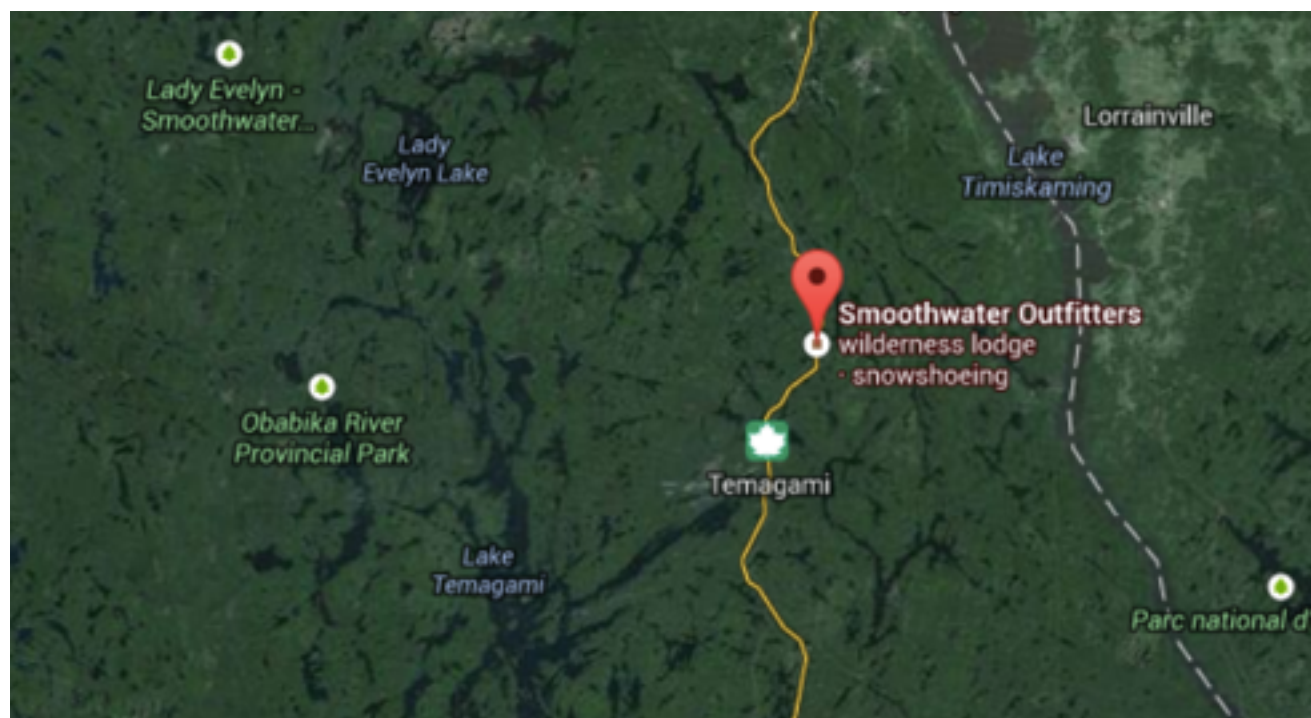
Calling 40
new applicants
build up community
of ecosystems leaders

Ecologist E.O. Wilson says that we are drowning in information, and the world will be run by synthesizers. Wilderness Field School is trending 21st century education toward collaborative action. We ask how to work better together when we expect an ecology of dynamic moving parts.



Temagami Base Camp www.smoothwater.ca

Smoothwater Ecolodge



Program Structure: 10 Participants + 1 Outdoor Guide + 1 Educator + 1 Green Ambassador

Day 1	Group meet in Toronto and drive 5 hours north to Smoothwater Ecolodge in Temagami	Base Camp
Day 2-3	Develop group and technical outdoor skills for canoe trip Workshop Units	Base Camp
Day 4-11	Explore Canadian boreal forest and lakes on a 60 kilometres canoe trip, including day-work with Bear Island, Temagami Indigenous community reserve Workshop Units	Tent Camping
Day 12	Return to Smoothwater and clean up Workshop Units	Base Camp
Day 13	Drive to visit Canadian Institute of Forestry and Canadian Ecology Centre Workshop Units	Tent Camping
Day 14	Training conclude in Toronto with urban Black Creek Community Farm	

Workshop Units include

1. Ecosystems health
2. Movement and leadership
3. Social justice and Environment
4. Special Unit: Practical Action

Experiential Activities include

1. Camping
2. Hiking
3. Indigenous storytelling
4. Wilderness survival & orientation

2015 Training Objectives

Make healthy boreal forest

- ▶ Inspire strong characters with integrity, humility and charisma
- ▶ Promote excellence for practical and experiential learning
- ▶ Build local-international partnership for collective action

Workshop Units Total (110 Credit Hours)

1. Ecosystems health	Understand the link between humans and food-forest systems
2. Movement and leadership	Enhance cooperative skills to create environmental action
3. Social justice and environment	Explore local history and culture that impact forest landscape
4. Special Unit: Practical Action	Co-produce documentary for boreal conservation in partnership with Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Green Ambassadors from Leading NGOs

Each canoe trip will be co-instructed by an environmental practitioner



Jacqueline Dwyer

Featured Green Ambassador

Community food activist, urban agriculture trainer and a leader for Black Creek Community Farm, Toronto's newest and Canada's largest 8-acre urban food centre.



Shen QianQian

Featured Green Ambassador

From Beijing Forestry Society, an American literature scholar, turned outstanding speaker and forest activist who builds strong global environmental partnership.

Find out which Green Ambassador trip to join and further your sense of direction.

Partnership Groups

- ▶ Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (www.cpaws.ca)
- ▶ Paddle Canada (www.paddlecanada.com)
- ▶ Beijing Forestry and Parks International Cooperation

Results

- ▶ Certified Ecosystems Leadership
- ▶ Certified Paddle Level 1
- ▶ Take part in eco-documentary
- ▶ More skilled as university/college applicants and job candidates
- ▶ Healthy & looking good

Training Cost CAD\$2500 + tax

Cost display

\$950	Project Blue Bird human resources, program and network development
\$1150	Wilderness trip gear, food, transportation and logistics
\$150	Safety, health and insurance
\$250	Emergency and first aid communication

5 Blue Bird Scholarship CAD\$1000 each

Project Blue Bird supports outstanding young characters with promising potential and inquisitiveness. See application form for details.

Curriculum

Learning methodology and process are developed by the Education Officer with cooperation from network environmental/educational experts.

Safety and Insurance

Smoothwater is a Canadian licensed and insured adventure tourism business. Outdoor guide and educator on all trips are certified/insured canoe instructor with Paddle Canada and with wilderness first responder (emergency) training.

We Are What We Eat

All food on trip will be sourced from local sustainable farmers and producers, decreasing carbon footprint and waste. 100% healthy organic food.

Boreal Soundscape Documentary

Conservation-based project directed by Rachel Elliot - PhD Candidate, an unusual and beautiful Canadian musician. Rachel is a soundscape producer from International Institute of Critical Studies in Improvisation (IICSI).

www.sounditoutiicsi.wordpress.com

Apply by January 31, 2015

For details on curriculum and application form

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