

Celebrate Oceans Day on the Gorge

Visit the Gorge Waterway Education Centre in Esquimalt Gorge Park to celebrate Oceans Day, Sunday, June 6.

Hosted by the local World Fisheries Trust, in partnership with Esquimalt Parks and Recreation, the local events will be part of events around the globe celebrating the Earth's oceans.

From noon to 3 p.m., enjoy special activities such as canoe tours of the Gorge, live music by Children of Celebrities, face painting, crafts, food, interpretive walks, bird surveying and more.

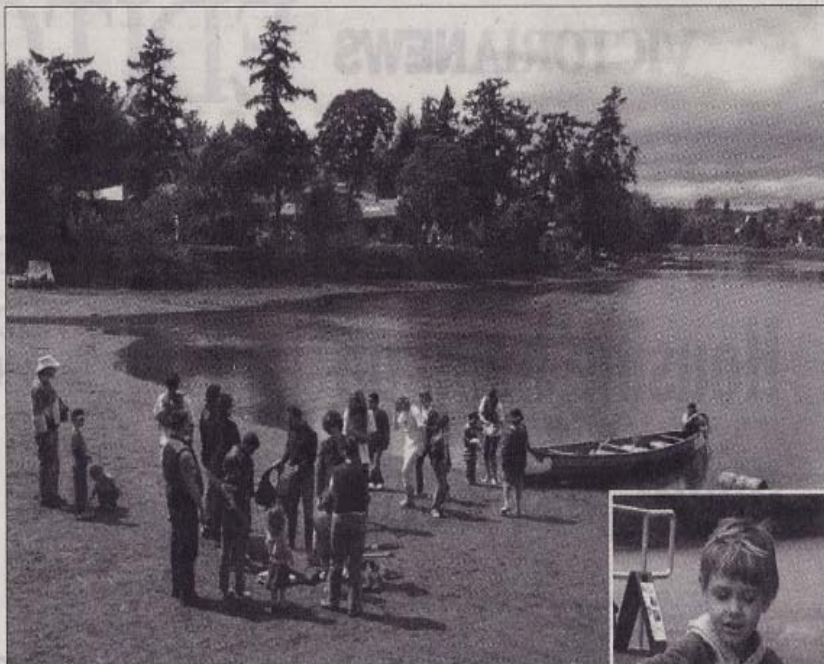
This year's theme is *Oceans of Life - Pick your Favorite, Protect your Favorite*. According to organizers, "the Ocean Project, an international network of more than 1,000 aquariums, zoos, museums and conservation organizations including World Fisheries Trust, is promoting and coordinating activities worldwide with a special focus on getting people to connect with their favor-

ite ocean animal and think about conserving the world's oceans."

Locally, the day also marks the second anniversary of the Gorge Waterway Education Centre, which opened on Oceans Day in 2008. Since then the centre has welcomed more than 5,500 visitors and delivered more than 50 environmental education programs to more than 650 students and youth.

During Oceans Day at the Gorge Waterway Education Centre, meet local marine animals in the salt water Seaquarium. In addition to Oceans Day, the Seaquarium touch tank and other hands-on educational displays are available to the public during the centre's regular hours each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission to the centre is by donation. For more information, contact World Fisheries Trust at 250-380-7585 or visit online at www.worldfish.org



Photos courtesy the Gorge Waterway Education Centre

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

- **Fridays** - Esquimalt Walking Group, free social, community walks - leaving from the rec centre foyer at 10 a.m. year-round, rain or shine.
- **May 27** - Candle Light Ceremony at God's Acre Cemetery, Esquimalt
- **June 2** - Composting for Small Spaces workshop with the Compost Education Centre, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Esquimalt Rec Centre. Fee: \$15. Register at 250-412-8500.
- **June 6** - Oceans Day Festival at Esquimalt Gorge Park, 12 to 3 p.m. Educational activities, crafts, touch tanks and more. FMI: 250-380-7585
- **June 14** - Esquimalt Council Committee of the Whole meets, 7 p.m. FMI: www.esquimalt.ca
- **June 18** - West Side Yoga hosts Sacred Chants with Beth Miller, an evening of sacred chants and gentle movement while exploring the yoga of sound. No experience necessary. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission by donation.
- **June 21** - Esquimalt Council meets, 7 p.m. FMI: www.esquimalt.ca
- **June 28** - Mayor's Golf Tournament 2010. Join Mayor Barbara Desjardins in a fun day of golf at Gorge Vale Golf Club and help raise funds for the Parks and Rec department. Fee: