

# FLOTILLA FOR FRIENDSHIP Katarokwi

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Canoes are key to new friendships

Next Wednesday three police departments and local Aboriginal youth are planning to spend the day together in a canoeing event aimed at helping improve relations between them. **Flotilla for Friendship Katarowki will launch on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** with an opening circle and water ceremony. Then in 10 canoes the cops and kids steer their way to a campfire feast and an outdoor hike before the return paddle to a closing ceremony of gratitude - and hopefully - friendship.

On board the Flotilla are ten students from the Katarowki Aboriginal Alternate School who'll partner up with officers from Kingston, Gananoque, and, Ontario Provincial Police departments. Canoes are the secret to the success of Flotilla - participants will need to work together to get that far that quickly! Accompanied by an OPP SAVE team and patrol boat for safety, the kids and cops will find that by the end of the day - they'll know enough about each other to like each other.

The event is sponsored by Frontenac Outfitters, Kingston Police Force, Ontario Provincial Police, Gananoque Police Service, Limestone District School Board, Katarowki Native Friendship Centre and Frontenac Provincial Park. The Flotilla departs from Big Salmon Lake Boat launch in the Frontenac Provincial Park at 11:00 AM and is expected back there at 3:00 PM for closing circle. A detailed scenario and timeline is attached. Members of the media will be welcomed.

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Timeline & Scenario for Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

TIME	SCENARIO	COURTESY OF
9:00 AM	Lynda is dropped off at Frontenac Outfitters (613) 376-6220 located at 6674 Bedford Road, RR#1, Sydenham. Directions at <a href="http://frontenac-outfitters.com/location.cfm">http://frontenac-outfitters.com/location.cfm</a>	
9:30 AM	Youth and Officers arrive at Frontenac Outfitters. Frontenac staff will fit each participant with a lifejacket (PFD). Personal Flotation Devices are to be worn at all times while canoeing. Safety instruction and provincial park rules will be outlined. Find paddling partners! One kid and one cop per canoe. Canoes are assigned to flotilla paddling partners. Canoe damage waivers are signed by one participant per canoe. Each canoe is equipped with 2 paddles, 2 whistles, 50 foot rope & throw bag, and a bailer. T-shirts are distributed and put on. Water is distributed.	Frontenac Outfitters  Kingston Police Force Gananoque Police Service
10 AM	Head count is done and checked with participant list of names. Board schoolbus & head for Frontenac Provincial Park, a short drive away. Follow canoe trailer to the Big Salmon Boat Launch. OPP SAVE Team with patrol boat launch at Big Salmon Lake.	Ontario Provincial Police
10:15 AM	Arrive Frontenac Provincial Park - Big Salmon Boat Launch at the end of Salmon Lake Road. The parking is just before the launch itself. All unload canoes. Directions at <a href="http://www.frontenacpark.ca/pages/location.html">http://www.frontenacpark.ca/pages/location.html</a>	Frontenac Provincial Park  Youth & Officers
10:30 AM	An Elder conducts opening circle & water ceremony. The Elder will say when it is okay to take pictures. Medicine bags are distributed. Head count is done and checked with participant list of names	Elder Youth & Officers, Teachers Lynda Lynda & Katarowki Aboriginal Alternate School
11:00 AM	OPP SAVE standing by closely in the water. <b>Youth &amp; Officers in 10 canoes launch Flotilla for Friendship Katarokwi!</b> With marine patrol boats alongside, the flotilla makes its way along the north side of Big Salmon Lake toward campsite Cluster #4. See a map of the route at <a href="http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/fron-maps.html">http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/fron-maps.html</a>	Ontario Provincial Police SAVE Team w/ patrol boat  Frontenac Provincial Park
12:00 PM	Canoes begin to arrive at the campsite. Drag your canoe up on shore. Water is distributed. A small fire will warm kids and cops if the day is chilly & someone gets wet. Head count is done and checked with participant list of names	Gananoque Police Service Frontenac Outfitters
12:15 PM	Feast! Cold cuts, fruit, cheese, crackers, rolls, wildrice salad, for personalized sandwich plates. Paper plates & reusable cups only please. Eat, drink & be merry! Roasted marshmallows & bannock s'mores for dessert!	Katarowki Aboriginal Alternate School
1:00 PM	Walk up the well-marked hiking trail to the look out to take some pictures.	Frontenac Provincial Park
1:30 PM	Leave the look out to walk back down to the campsite.	Frontenac Provincial Park
2:00 PM	Head count is done and checked with participant list of names. Back in the canoes to head for Big Salmon Boat Launch with safety escort	Ontario Provincial Police SAVE Team w/ patrol boat
3:00 PM	Officers and youth arrive back at Big Salmon Boat Launch Head count is done and checked with participant list of names. All reload canoes on trailer, return PFD's, bailers, etc. Waivers are cleared.	Frontenac Outfitters
3:10 PM	Closing Circle. Meegwetch.	Elder
3:30 PM	Youth board schoolbus for return trip. End of Day	Phew!