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## Arbour Day Celebrations Geared for Students

**Abbotsford, May 10, 2010** – Abbotsford Parks, Recreation & Culture is celebrating Arbour Day with a one-day event at Bateman Park geared for elementary students on Friday, May 14, 2010.

“The event is geared for school-aged children and we hope many teachers will take advantage of the opportunity and bring their classes to the park,” says Mayor George W. Peary. “This event will give teachers the opportunity to put a local perspective on their science and environmental studies. We will be focusing on the stewardship of the environment, importance of protecting natural habitat and acting responsibly in our parks and greenspaces.”

The event will include an official tree planting with Mayor George W. Peary at 1:00pm and informative trail tours. Participants will learn how to count the rings of a tree and will see a tree coring demonstration. There will be fun interactive displays from BC Hydro, Raptor Ridge, Search and Rescue, Elizabeth’s Wildlife Centre and many more.

Arbour Day takes place on Friday, May 14 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Bateman Park. The event is free, but classes must pre-register by calling the City’s Parks, Recreation & Culture Department at 604-853-5485. The event is also open to community members at no cost.

For more information, please contact Eric Fong at 604-853-5485 ext. 5915 or email [efong@abbotsford.ca](mailto:efong@abbotsford.ca).

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