

Green Teams plan to 'make a difference'

Green Teams on the Northern Peninsula are planning to "make a difference" in their communities this summer.

Three groups of youths, under the direction of regional supervisor Carmella Rose, have plans to research climate change, educate the public on the importance of stewardship, and compile information on the ecology of places like Hare Bay.

Ms. Rose says those activities are just a sampling of what the Green Teams will be doing over the next several weeks.

"We want people to stop and take notice of what the Green Teams are doing," she says. "It's a misconception to think that the students are working to clean up garbage."

Ms. Rose says the students are also planning Environmental Awareness Days, presentations to the public on what they're doing, and studying issues such as the effects of climate change in the region.

The three Green Teams are based in Raleigh, Port au Choix and Main Brook. An overview of their work and the personnel is as follows:

■ The Raleigh Green Team is geared towards conservation of the limestone barrens habitat through stewardship initiatives. Led by team leader Jacenta Smith, the project is sponsored by Memorial University. Team members are Michael Taylor, Robyn Greene and Crystal Randell.

■ The Green Team at Port au Choix is sponsored by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. It's work is similar to the

Raleigh team in that it is working towards an integrated stewardship program for the limestone barrens. The team leader is Jennifer Frost and members are Stephanie Hinks, Mitzi Gaslard and Sheri O'Keefe.

■ The Main Brook Green Team is working on the Hare Bay Stewardship Project. It is sponsored by the Quebec Labrador Foundation and the Canadian Wildlife Service. Team leader Amy Pilgrim is joined by Desmond Whiteaway, Melissa Richards and Nikita Small.

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