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5th Annual Prairie Day A Fun, Free Eco Experience for Everyone!

Alderville First Nation has partnered with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to present the 5th annual Prairie Day – a FREE, family-oriented eco event at the Alderville Black Oak Savanna. Prairie Day will take place on Saturday, September 8th.

“We invite everyone to come out and join us for a day of family fun’ says Janine McLeod, Natural Heritage Coordinator for Alderville First Nation Black Oak Savanna. “This is a wonderful opportunity to see displays and demonstrations highlighting traditional native practices and to learn about the unique habitat and wildlife that Canadian pioneer and early Northumberland County resident, Catharine Parr Traill, wrote about back in the 1830’s” she added.

The whole family will enjoy a variety of eco activities and live entertainment, including the Indian River Reptile Zoo, Ken Whiteley, guided Tallgrass tours, bird banding, nature workshops, native food, demonstrations of traditional native practices, storytelling, face painting, kids activities and more!

“The Prairie Day event will showcase the Alderville Black Oak Savanna and Nature Conservancy of Canada properties and the important work that is taking place there” says Todd Farrell, Conservation Biologist with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. “It’s also about raising awareness of the habitat and the natural beauty of Canada’s easternmost prairie” he commented.

Alderville First Nation and Nature Conservancy of Canada are part of the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative - a partnership of local conservation groups and government agencies, all of whom share a vision of *‘a landscape of protected, restored and sustainably managed tallgrass prairie and oak savanna ecosystems amid well-stewarded farmland, forest, wetland and riparian habitats of the Rice Lake Plains region.*

Alderville Black Oak Savanna is located at 8467 County Road 18, South of Rice Lake, and 1.5kms west of Hwy 45. The event is scheduled to run from 10am to 4pm. More information is available by calling 905 352 1008 or visit www.ricelakeplains.ca