

2007

O.P.P.A./ TORONTO MAPLE LEAF ALUMNI/ DARE HOCKEY DREAM DRAW

The grand prize consists of a 3 game road trip of N.H.L. hockey with stops in Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Toronto.

Game #1/

Tuesday, April 3rd/ 2007 at 7:00 pm
Buffalo Sabres @ Pittsburgh Penguins to see Sidney Crosby

Game #2/

Thursday, April 5th/ 2007. 7:00 pm
Boston Bruins @ Buffalo Sabres in Sabre Alumni box

Game # 3/

Saturday, April 7th /2007. 7:00 pm
Montreal Canadiens @ Toronto Maple Leafs in the Leafs Alumni box for Hockey Night in Canada.

Prize package will include transportation, luxurious accommodations at Marriott Hotels, Alumni access and game day practice pass when available, Hockey Hall of Fame pass and \$500.00 cash.

Tickets are only \$5.00 each.

This year proceeds will be returned to the Detachment area where tickets were sold to help your local DARE program.

To buy tickets contact your local OPP Detachment office or contact:

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Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

The Ontario Provincial Police, North East Region is leading the way in drug education by offering the D.A.R.E. Program to every elementary school in its coverage area. Students from Burk's Falls to Moosonee and Sault Ste. Marie to Temiskaming will all be talking about D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education and is a comprehensive prevention program designed to equip elementary school children with the life skills to recognize and resist social pressures to experiment with tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. The 10-lesson D.A.R.E. core curriculum is taught by a specially trained, uniformed law enforcement officer. This also provides for a unique relationship between officer and student. This interaction promotes a positive role model identification as well as healthy bonding with a trusted adult.

The primary goal of the D.A.R.E. Program is to prevent substance abuse among school-aged children. The D.A.R.E. Program targets children at an age when they are most receptive to drug prevention education and before they are likely to have experimented with tobacco, alcohol and drugs. D.A.R.E. seeks to prevent adolescent substance abuse, thus reducing the demand for drugs. The D.A.R.E. curriculum focuses on the following objectives for student learning:

- √ **Provides the skills to recognize and resist the social pressures to experiment with tobacco, alcohol and drugs;**
- √ **Helps enhance self-esteem;**
- √ **Teaches positive alternatives to substance abuse and other destructive behaviors – particularly gangs and violence;**
- √ **Develops skills in risk assessment, decision-making and conflict resolution; and Builds interpersonal and communication skills.**

The D.A.R.E. core curriculum is delivered to Grade 6 students. D.A.R.E. officers also make visitations to the Kindergarten to Grade 4 classes where they are teaching.

The core curriculum emphasizes a "no-use" message, which is life-skills based and focuses on peer pressure resistance training, self-concept improvement, personal safety and decision-making skills. A wide range of teaching techniques – including interactive peer leadership and cooperative learning groups – are used to encourage student participation and response. The curriculum is updated to keep it responsive to current research findings, modern teaching methods and emerging social concerns regarding drugs and violence.

As of today, the O.P.P., North East Region, has 55 officers trained to deliver D.A.R.E., covering all 14 Detachment areas, with plans to train more officers to ensure coverage and meet demand. This program will affect 120 classes and over 3,000 Grade 6 students and their families. This will have a great impact on 116 communities in Northeastern Ontario.

To date, the O.P.P. has partnered with the Ontario Provincial Police Association and its 7,600 active members along with the Toronto Maple Leaf Alumni Association to offset the \$10.00 per student material costs to run the program. The D.A.R.E. Hockey Dream Draw completed its

seventh-successful campaign and it is believed future draws will continue to meet program delivery needs.

D.A.R.E. is an extremely high profile program and its partners could take an active role at graduation ceremonies and photo opportunities to share in the pride of our students' Accomplishments. Any investment in D.A.R.E. and ultimately in our youth will have a great return in every community touched by the Program and will reflect greatly on its partners and supporters.

For more information about the O.P.P. Northeastern Region D.A.R.E. Program, contact

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