TOGETHER FOR LAKEFIELD

OUTDOOR AND CLIMATE EDUCATION AND A NEW BUILDING AT NORTHCOTE

Our campus ecosystems and programs inspire us to be committed to environmental responsibility, and our Northcote Campus offers opportunities to design transformative student experiences year-round.

Through the **TOGETHER FOR LAKEFIELD** campaign, we will continue to invest in innovative programs and facilities that integrate academic disciplines with nature and other real-world experiences. We will provide students with meaningful ways to connect with nature and each other and to take action for the climate.

Curricular, co-curricular and Summer Academy programs at Northcote include hands-on experiences in: year-round Outdoor Education, water, and wilderness skills; orienteering; Leave-no-Trace principles; planting, maintaining, and harvesting on our regenerative learning farm; studying the environmental, social, and economic impacts of farming on food sovereignty; exploring ecology and green technologies; participating in natural tea harvesting and dye workshops; and learning about the significance of soil health.

Our 160-acre Northcote Campus is the heart of our Outdoors Every Day vision. Located just north of our main campus, Northcote offers 7,000 feet of Katchewanooka Lake shoreline, woods, fields, marshlands and habitat for a diversity of flora and fauna. It is also home to our regenerative learning farm.

Rich in historical significance for both settler and Indigenous peoples, Northcote has many ties to the history of Lakefield College School, and we are grateful to Donald ‘48 and Gretchen Ross for their generous donation of the property in 2007.

By the NUMBERS

Northcote produces over **10,000 lbs** of farm produce annually

40+ varieties of vegetables grown at the farm

Roughly **50%** of the farm's harvest is enjoyed by students and staff in the dining hall

Approximately **50%** of the harvest is donated to four community food partners

4,000+ student visits to Northcote in 2025

5 kms of nature trails

Northcote was host to several significant community events including Havest Dinner, Fall Fair, Parent Breakfast, Community Partner visits, and more

"There are so many opportunities for our students to experience right outside our door. Our hope is that students leave here feeling a deeper connection and responsiblity to nature and the environment, and that they continue to enjoy the many benefits of this relationship for the rest of their lives."

—Assistant Head: Sustainablity Janice Greenshields '03

Programs at Northcote that strengthen community-building include farm visits for planting, harvesting, cooking, and connecting; the annual Winter Carnival with tobogganing, horse-drawn sleigh rides, bonfires, and winter treats; the Fall Fair harvest celebration and community events like special dinners and trustees meetings; and events with local partners such as Big Brothers Big Sisters Peterborough and Adventures in Understanding.

Northcote's diverse landscape supports our Outdoors Every Day philosophy, offering activities like year-round camping, canoeing, trail walking, bush walks, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. These outdoor pursuits enhance personal development, emotional well-being, and academic performance for our students and staff.

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Outdoors Every Day Priorities

We are seeking to raise a total of $10M towards Northcote Campus and Outdoor and Climate Education during the period of the **TOGETHER FOR LAKEFIELD** Campaign (2018/19 to 2028/29).

Our Vision and Related Naming Opportunties

We will continue to enhance our students educational experience by investing in the following programs and infrastructure at our Northcote Campus:

Program Endowments: The integration of regenerative agriculture and sustainablity studies into our curriculum will provide authentic, real-world learning that both meet curriculum requirements and prepare our students for the future.

- Outdoor Education Fund ($1M+)
- Sustainability Fund ($1M+)
- Green Curriculum Fund ($1M+)

Farm Barn ($700K)—building supporting the farm operation and equipment storage.

Northcote Staff House ($500K)

The Farm (Taken)—our regenerative learning farm, already in operation.

Greenhouse ($500K)—allowing for the year-round planting/harvesting of produce.

Recreational Area—for community gatherings, outdoor activities and sports.

- Outdoor Amphitheater with Campfire Area ($500K)
- Sleigh Barn Renovation to Become Event Space ($500K)

Camping Area (Taken)—beautiful cedar grove campsite area for use by our Outdoor Education program.

Historic Cabin Renovation (Taken)

New Building at Northcote Farm—to provide the full student experience—staying at the farm with places to sleep, prepare and eat harvested food, learning about farming and with space for animal husbandry (turkeys, pigs and goats in the future).

- Sauna ($150K)—designed for 20
- Student Rooms ($100K X 6)
- Kitchen (Taken)

The Orchard—planting fruit trees to form an orchard will diversify regenerative agriculture production, and will ultimately include apple, pear and nut trees.

- Cidery ($100K)
- Fruit Tree Orchard (150K)

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Help Us TRANSFORM Young Lives

We are tremendously excited about the potential to further expand the educational experiences we offer our students. We hope you will consider making a gift in support of the TOGETHER FOR LAKEFIELD campaign and towards our Outdoors Every Day vision in particular.

Your support will provide fresh opportunities for transformative learning in outdoor and climate education and at our farm at Nortchote Campus. It will meaningfully impact the lives of generations of young people.

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