

Media Advisory

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Algonquin College Hosts African Expedition Experience for OCDSB Students

More than 200 students from the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) will take part in the *Small World, Big Picture – African Expedition Experience* event at Algonquin College on November 27. This interactive event will begin with an overview of the Expedition Africa project from Kent MacDonald, Executive Director of Algonquin's Strategy and Business Development Division, and Shawn Allenby, Secondary Information Technology Consultant, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

The students will then get a behind-the-scenes look at the College's Expedition Africa web site from Glenn MacDougall, Algonquin's Director of Learning and Teaching Services, followed by a live video link to Africa with Ben Webster, Expedition Leader. A Q&A session will follow with Ben Shillington, Skills Instructor for Algonquin's Outdoor Adventure and Outdoor Adventure Naturalist programs, and Daniel Brigham, Professor for Algonquin's Building Construction Technician and Carpentry Apprenticeship programs, who will both be joining the Expedition in the coming weeks. Ben Shillington will be participating in the ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro, while Daniel Brigham will help Expedition members construct a school in Rongai, Tanzania. This Q&A session will be followed by a presentation from a representative from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

This expedition is designed to actively engage Canadian school-aged students, their teachers and their families with respect to the Continent of Africa, its opportunities, challenges and people.

Who: Kent MacDonald, Executive Director, Strategy and Business Development, Algonquin College
Ben Webster, President, Canadian Adventure Productions Inc. (*live via video link from Africa*)
Shawn Allenby, Secondary Information Technology Consultant, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
Glenn MacDougall, Director of Learning and Teaching Services, Algonquin College
Ben Shillington, Skills Instructor, Outdoor Adventure and Outdoor Adventure Naturalist programs, Algonquin College
Daniel Brigham, Professor, Building Construction Technician and Carpentry Apprenticeship programs, Algonquin College

What: *Small World, Big Picture – African Expedition Experience* event

When: Monday, November 27, 2006
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Best time: 11:00 a.m. – Live Video Link with Ben Webster

Where: Room T-102
T-Building
Woodroffe Campus
Algonquin College

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