

NEW FRONTIERS IN CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY

Geography Awareness Week 2008

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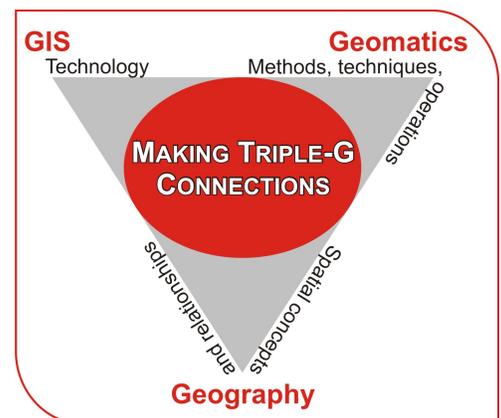
In 2007 the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) tested the idea of using “Theme Days” during Geography Awareness Week (GAW) to demonstrate the importance of geography to all Canadians. The experiment was so successful that it received international attention, and is being expanded for GAW 2008. To read about the exciting new program for GAW 2008, visit the CAG website at cag-acg.ca/en/geography_week and follow the “clicks” which are described below.

First, we are continuing to explore new ways to learn more about the importance of geography to the Theme Day topics – *Weather and Climate; Water; Energy; Transportation; and, Food and Health*. At the click of your mouse, you are linked to the ten Canadian websites that have been selected for each theme because of how well they make the connection between geography and a theme topic.



Second, there is an increasing need for all Canadians to learn more about the importance of geography to the work of governments, businesses, and other enterprises across Canada. A number of Canadian organizations are participating in the *Applied Geography Showcase* which has been created for GAW 2008. A click of your mouse links you to websites that are excellent sources of information about the kinds of work, jobs, and careers that await students trained in applied geography.

Third, the field of geography is rapidly changing, and universities, colleges, governments, businesses, and other organizations are introducing many new ways of thinking about and doing geography. The *GeoSkills Showcase* provides links to websites that contain the latest information about education and training programs in geography, and the exciting and rewarding futures that await students trained in geographic skills. A click of the mouse takes you to these websites.



Comments on Canada’s Geography Awareness Week program are invited. Please send them to Dr. Barry Wellar, GAW Program Director, at: wellarb@uottawa.ca.

