



Expedition Education Update... The program moving forward

For eighteen years, Expedition Education has offered our senior students the opportunity to explore the furthest reaches of our continent. During this time, we've travelled with over 120 of our students for tens of thousands of kilometers ... exploring Canada from coast to coast.

These adventures in learning, primarily by motorhome, have taken us to remote outposts in coastal Newfoundland, the rugged beaches of Vancouver Island and the vast boreal forest, Canadian Shield, rolling prairie and Rocky Mountains in between. Over the years, we've travelled north of the Arctic Circle to the spectacular glaciers, mountains and river valleys of the Yukon's Land Of The Midnight Sun... as well as to the most southern wilderness areas of the continental U.S ... exploring the beautiful and bountiful Everglades and crystal clear waters of the Florida Keys.

The last three years of Expedition Education saw our journeys focus on the Great Lakes watershed. These **GL5 (Great Lakes Five) journeys were amazing trips around the incredibly diverse and beautiful coastlines of all five of the Great Lakes, culminating last June in an unforgettable two-week journey around the coast of the world's greatest inland sea, Lake Superior. Several of our students had the unique opportunity over the course of three years to explore the entire Great Lakes watershed... some 8500 km of travel highlighting the spectacular geography, history and ecology of North America's most important source of fresh water. These young people are likely the only students to have ever completed such a journey and in the spirit of this great adventure, we're pleased to announce our plans for the next three years of Expedition Education!**

Our next Expedition Education journey will be the first leg of a remarkable three-year, coast to coast Canadian adventure. During the 2014-15 school year, we will visit the Maritime Provinces (Nova Scotia/Cape Breton, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island). This itinerary will include exploring the spectacular Fortress of Louisburg, The Alexander Graham Bell Museum and estate in Baddeck, the stunning vistas of the Cabot Trail, historic Halifax, the remarkable Bay Of Fundy, home of the world's highest tides, the beautiful farms and beaches of PEI, home of Anne Of Green Gables and Charlottetown, birthplace of Confederation.

The second leg of our Expedition Education journey will be held in the 2015-2016 school year, featuring a train journey from Toronto, north of Lake Superior to Winnipeg where we will begin a motorhome journey across the prairies to the Rockies, culminating in an in depth exploration of the fascinating geology and natural history of world renowned Banff and Jasper National Parks. Featuring numerous natural wonders and Unesco World Heritage sites, this itinerary is a world class exploration of some of Canada's most diverse and rugged terrain.

Expedition Education 2016-2017, will begin with a flight to Calgary to continue where we left off the year before on our coast to coast adventure. A Rocky Mountaineer train journey from Calgary to Vancouver (one of the world's top rated rail excursions) will take us to the Pacific coast. There we will explore Vancouver and travel by motorhome to Vancouver Island, exploring Victoria, the island's stands of giant old growth forest and endless expanses of spectacular beach near Tofino. Whale watching, visits to first nation interpretive centres, amazing galleries and museums and glorious sunsets along Canada's Sunshine Coast will mark the culmination of an amazing three year trans Canada adventure. Like our GL5 journey around the Great Lakes, this opportunity for our Grades 6-8 students will allow a number of them to see the entire country in a comprehensive, inter-disciplinary journey. Truly, a once in a life time chance to explore Canada with their friends in a This marks the third time we have embarked on such an ambitious Expedition Education