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THE ADIRONDACK COOPERATIVE LOON PROGRAM INTRODUCES *SCIENCE ON THE FLY!* ON NOVEMBER 2, 2005!

The Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program (ACLP) invite all who want to discover more about loons, aquatic habitats, or the steps involved in conducting research, to attend the debut of *Science on the Fly!* at the State Theatre in Tupper Lake on November 2, 2005, from 7-8:30 p.m.

A partnership of the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks (NHMA), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, BioDiversity Research Institute of Gorham, Maine, and the Audubon Society of New York State, the ACLP is pleased to introduce "*Science on the Fly! Loon Migration – Linking People and the Environment*," an exciting new curriculum for middle school students in and beyond the Adirondack Park.

"Through *Science on the Fly!*, students and teachers around the world will be able to engage in the fascinating field of scientific discovery through the Common Loons of the Adirondack region, a vast six million acre wild area in upstate New York," stated Elizabeth Lowe, Project Director of the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks.

This event will provide an overview of *Science on the Fly!*, introducing the public, teachers, and students to the innovative educational techniques utilized to inspire people to explore the natural world around them. Adirondack residents and visitors will have the opportunity to meet ACLP's scientists and educators, and to learn about the components of *Science on the Fly!*, including a captivating video, the innovative website, www.ScienceontheFly.org, engaging classroom activities, and teacher training workshops.

"*Science on the Fly!* leads students through the scientific process and the intriguing world of environmental conservation by following research conducted by the ACLP and the US Geological Survey on the migration of Common Loons to and from the Adirondack Park," said WCS-NHMA scientist Dr. Nina Schoch, Program Coordinator for ACLP.

"WCS is pleased to participate in this multi-faceted curriculum. Through our research and education projects in the Adirondacks and elsewhere, WCS strives to understand the threats to key species and to find ways to mitigate those threats. *Science on the Fly!* will enable students to obtain a better understanding of conservation concerns affecting aquatic habitats and their wild inhabitants." added Dr. Michale Glennon, Associate Conservation Scientist for WCS' Adirondack Communities and Conservation Program.

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The Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program (ACLP) is a cooperative research and education effort focusing on the natural history of the Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) and the effects of contaminants and human interactions on loon populations in the Adirondack Park of New York State.

The ACLP is a partnership of the following organizations:

- **Wildlife Conservation Society**
- **Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks**
- **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation**
- **BioDiversity Research Institute**
- **Audubon Society of New York, Inc.**

The development of *Science on the Fly!* was funded by the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks, Wildlife Conservation Society, Environmental Protection Agency, New York State Biodiversity Research Institute, and the Dorr Foundation. The website www.ScienceontheFly.org was created by Ad Workshop in Lake Placid. The ACLP is dedicated to improving the overall health of the environment, particularly the protection of air and water quality, through research and education efforts focusing on the common loon and regional conservation issues affecting wildlife and their habitats in the Adirondack Park.

For more information about *Science on the Fly!* and the Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program, please visit www.adkscience.org/loons, or call the ACLP at 518-891-8836 or e-mail at aclp2@juno.com.

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