LIMESTONE BARRENS

Fourth year for Green Team project

PORT AU CHOIX – The Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador is entering another summer with Green Team projects beginning throughout the province. This year, continuing for a fourth year, is the Port au Choix Limestone Barrens Habitat Stewardship Project Green Team.

Last week, the team held an Environmental Awareness Day which focused on the Limestone Barrens. Members had an information session for area residents and tourists who were interested in learning about the flora of the barrens.

In partnership with Parks Canada, they also helped to complete trail development projects on the Phillips Garden Walking Trail.

This summer, the Port au Choix Green Team will be aiming to develop a puppet show, focusing on the Limestone Barrens and Species at Risk. Their project this summer is based mainly on community education, and the team hopes this project will get the town interested in the rare flora, the Fernald's



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Members of the Port au Choix Green Team are: (I-r) - Krista Reid, Breannah Tulk, Lindsey Payne and Sheri O'Keefe.

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"We are very excited to begin performing the puppet show, and I think it will be a very educational experience for the locals of the area," said team member Breannah Tulk.

The team will also have a

dirt bike rally, a Miss Limestone Barrens Pageant, and a kid's camp. Times and locations will be posted at a later date.

The Green Team program has been operating in the province since 1993. There

are a total of 25 projects throughout Newfoundland and Labrador this summer. It has employed more than 1,400 young people in the completion of some 300 projects in 100 communities around the province.