

OPP Youth Leadership Camp gets a lot done

By Bill Rea

A lot of good work was done for the community recently and some 20 young people had a good time doing it.

The event was the annual Youth Leadership Camp, run by Caledon OPP.

Constable Christina Sanghera said 22 high school students took part, earning community service hours they are going to need in order to graduate.

'It's a relationship builder,' she added. 'That's really the main thing of it all.'

The projects they were involved in included delivering flyers in Bolton neighbourhoods promoting a food drive, then collecting about 1,150 pounds of food that was delivered to the Exchange in Bolton; holding a car wash which raised \$837 for the Shop With a Cop program at Christmas; and painting over graffiti in Valleywood under the Highway 410 overpass.

'Actually, this is probably the best group of kids we've had,' Sanghera observed.

Sergeant Marcus Sanderson said several local businesses helped out the effort. Home Depot in Bolton provided the paint to cover the graffiti, as well as hosting the car wash. Garden Foods in Bolton provided the bags to collect the food drive contributions. The Caledon Optimists provided T-shirts for the participants, and the Foodland store in Caledon East provided food for their barbecue Friday.



There were 22 very busy young people taking part in Caledon OPP's annual Youth Leadership Camp. Participants dropped off about 1,150 pounds of food to the Exchange.



Tamoyah Morgan of Shelburne and Megan Schuster of Caledon village were picking up garbage around Valleywood.



Rachel Buss of Cheltenham was working on painting over the graffiti under the Highway 410 overpass in Valleywood.



The teens taking part in the Youth Leadership Camp held a car wash at Home Depot in Bolton, with proceeds going toward Shop With a Cop. Jake Mihkelson of Belfountain and Rushali Shah of Caledon East were busy cleaning this car.