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- 1) Welcome to the ShieldsWeather Natural Disaster E-zine!

Those of you who have joined in the past week, welcome to my e-zine!

You should be on this list only if you signed up for it on my web site. If you no longer wish to hear from me, don't be shy -- there's a link at the bottom of this e-mail that will put you out of your misery.

If you missed a back issue, remember that all previous issues are archived on my web site at:
<http://www.ShieldsWeather.com/ezine>

What's in this issue:

I will introduce a few topics I hope to cover with this E-Zine.
I will give a brief description of recent weather events and what to expect for the coming week.
A quick look at the start of the Forest Fire Season and

where we stand across the province.
Finally I will go over the seasonal outlook for the Summer
of 2008!

Are you reading my blog? Recently I've been posting daily
weather discussions for my loyal blog readers. Join the
fun here:

<http://www.Shieldsweather.com/blog>

2) I've started this E-Zine for all of you Natural
Disaster junkies. Don't worry - you're not alone.
Most Canadians are into not only weather but all
different types of Natural Disaster Events.

I will try to keep this E-Zine on a weekly schedule.
It will be sent out every Monday morning.

I will cover weather events, forest fires, floods,
earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes - you name it!
This E-Zine will focus mainly on these events as they
occur across Ontario but I will also mention major
events as they unfold around the world.

So enjoy this first issue and please email me any
comments or suggestions so I can make it better and
better with time!

3) If you're like me, you're wondering if this cool
spring season will ever show us some warmth?

From the end of April until now we have seen cold weather
across the province that has even brought flurries to
parts of the north.

May will certainly come in below average for temperatures
and I suspect under the average precip values.

This past week saw a blocking pattern setup that held
light rain and clouds across much of the province from
Monday through until Thursday. Finally this weekend
brought some more seasonal values with many locations
breaking the +20C mark.

A look ahead shows a cold front cross the province on
Monday. This will bring a line of storms that will
start Sunday night in Northern Ontario and exit the
province on Monday afternoon.

There is a chance of some severe storms across southern

Ontario on Monday as the cold front arrives during the peak warming hours in the afternoon.

High pressure arrives Tuesday. The east side of the high will usher in cool air and bring a good chance of frost across Northern Ontario for Tuesday and Wednesday morning. As the high builds in mid-week we will see high temps back in the 20's.

The end of the week and weekend looks wet as another low pressure system brings a chance for rain and storms.

4) Forest Fire season has started across the North.

As of Sunday night there are 6 fires burning out of control across the province. 9 fires are active at this time, with all of them started by human activity (none by lightning.)

Fire level preparedness is still at the lowest level, Level 1, across the province.

The latest fire was reported just northeast of Lake Nipigon - north of Lake Superior.

With the latest cold front and cool temps the fire danger looks to stay low for the next week.

5) The La Nina that brought us a harder than normal winter has been weakening this spring. This weakening is expected to continue until we reach a neutral phase between El Nino / La Nina episodes.

All of this points to a summer that could be a touch cooler than normal. Regions in extreme Western Ontario may have a more 'normal' summer for temperatures while extreme Eastern Ontario could be colder than the rest of the province.

Precipitation is expected to be slightly above average for this coming summer. Regions around James bay could be the exception as they see normal rainfall amounts. The extra precipitation may be attributed to the expectation that the Great Lakes may be inline for more than normal storm activity. The areas that are expected to see the most severe storms are the Thunder Bay region, Eastern Lake Superior Region and Southwestern Ontario.

Hurricane season officially starts June 1st and the most recent projections suggest about 15 named storms. This would be similar to the 2007 season. Late summer hurricanes would form over the Atlantic and take aim at Central America, Mexico and possibly Florida.

September would bring hurricane development in the Caribbean Sea that would send storms north into the Gulf Coast.

Forecasts indicate that 3 Major Hurricanes could develop this season.

6) What's New At ShieldsWeather.com

I've been busy

I've taken down the Live Chatroom. I found it too time consuming to police the chatroom for those that like to post inappropriate content.

The Blog allows me to post graphics and still allows user feedback and involvement.

Check the Blog out at <http://www.shieldswweather.com/blog/>

Other changes invole the addition of this E-Zine. I know there are many other natural disaster adrenaline junkies like myself that would like to get a weekly update of what's happening across the province. So here it is!

I have also fixed a glitch that was shutting down my ShieldsWeather Radar image. The radar was going offline until I manually reset it. That's now fixed and it should be much more reliable.

7) Steal This E-zine!

This E-zine is free, and I personally guarantee it's worth at least 176 times what you paid for it. I invite you to "steal" it, but only if you do it nicely . . .

Distasteful legal babble: This E-zine is copyright Jerry Shields, 2008.

Extremely tasteful postscript: I encourage you to email

this E-zine to any friends of yours who might benefit from it. I only ask that you email the whole thing, not bits and pieces. Otherwise, you'll be getting desperate calls at midnight from your friends asking where they can get their own free subscription.

At the moment, there is one place to subscribe:
My site: <http://www.ShieldsWeather.com>

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