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## **County of Simcoe's Rural Connections Program Provides Free Internet Training Sessions**

**Midhurst/ May 7, 2010** – The County of Simcoe has once again partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board's Adult and Continuing Education department's Learning Centres to offer additional free internet training sessions to residents.

The Rural Connections Broadband Program has already provided hundreds of residents with free internet training. Due to the high demand, more sessions are scheduled between May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Learning Centres across the County.

Internet Tools and Navigation, E-mail Essentials and Online Shopping and Banking are the topics that will be covered during the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening courses from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday morning workshops will also be offered on May 29 and June 5 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Sessions will take place in Alliston, Bradford, Collingwood, Midland and the Orillia Learning Centre campuses.

The Rural Connections Broadband program is an initiative that involves a partnership between the County of Simcoe and its municipal partners, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Bell Aliant. The program is aiming to provide more than 95 per cent of residents with high speed internet access and is on track to be completed by the end June.

To register online, visit [ruralconnections.simcoe.ca](http://ruralconnections.simcoe.ca) or call 705-726-9300 ext. 1401. Attendees must be 18 years or over.

The County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at [simcoe.ca](http://simcoe.ca).

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