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May 14 declared Ron Schara, Raven, Minnesota Bound Day

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Governor Tim Pawlenty proclaimed Thursday, May 13, 2004 as Ron Schara, Raven, and Minnesota Bound Day in Minnesota. To celebrate the day, Schara stopped by the Gander Mountain in Columbus Township.

Teen Talk

Schara and his black Labrador retriever Raven were recognized not only for their charity work, TV programs, but for their countless hours of teaching kids about the outdoors too.

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"I'm a little bit embarrassed about all of this," Schara said. "This is not my style, but I am flattered. It is nice to be recognized for the things you do and believe in."

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Schara and Raven can be seen on "Minnesota Bound" on KARE 11, "Backroads with Ron Schara" on ESPN2 and "The Call of the Wild" on the Outdoor Channel. Schara also writes an outdoor column for the Star Tribune. Schara was at the Gander Mountain to sign copies of his new book "Ron Schara's Minnesota Fishing Guide."

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In his book, Schara shares tips and techniques for anglers of all skill levels. The 276-page book not only has useful information for anglers, but it also has over 100 full-color photos and many technical drawings that are sure to be useful.

While at Gander Mountain on Thursday, Schara was signing copies of his new book. As Gander Mountain shoppers stopped by to get a signed copy of the book they all asked where Raven was. Raven was unable to make the Gander Mountain appearance because she was too busy enjoying the outdoors.

Schara's advice to kids who one day hope to make a living working in the outdoors is to read as much as possible, educate as much as possible, and don't be afraid to try different things.

"Fishing is the kind of sport where one day you think you're pretty darn good but the next day you're thinking you know nothing," Schara said. "Today kids want instant gratification early and that doesn't happen fishing. Fishing takes patience, persistence and humility."

Of the many joys fishing can provide anglers of all ages, Schara said the best part is that it connects anglers to "Mother Earth and her whims."

"Ron Schara's Minnesota Fishing Guide" is in bookstores now.

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