



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

A monthly e-newsletter from the BC Lake Stewardship Society

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LAKEKEEPERS WORKSHOPS

The British Columbia Lake Stewardship Society is ready to launch our "*LakeKeepers Workshops*" for the spring of 2007.

In 2004, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada funded the completion of the LakeKeepers manual. Some of you may already have a guide or have heard about the guide. For those of you that have not, this manual is a lakeshore resident's guide to the stewardship and monitoring of lakes. Its purpose is to provide education, awareness, technical training and support for curious and concerned lake stewards.

The next component of LakeKeepers will involve an interactive workshop delivered by qualified and certified instructors. Instructors will use a classroom approach to introduce limnology (the study of freshwater) and lead lake stewards through the manual. The second portion of the workshop will involve "getting your feet wet", the field component.

Every lake system is different and therefore requires its own lake management objectives and goals. Many lake stewards and lake stewardship groups have a basic understanding of their lake, but need more information and tools to actively manage their lake needs.

Therefore, the BCLSS has designed a questionnaire for lake stewards and groups and would like your feedback, so we can include topics in each workshop that may be of interest to you. Please visit <http://www.bclss.org/docs/LK%20questionnaire.pdf> to submit your feedback. We look forward to hearing from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2006 State of the Fraser Basin Conference: *Sustainability - Inspiring Action!*

November 16th & 17th at the Vancouver Conference and Exhibition Centre. Information and registration details are available at: <http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca>

BC Wildlife Federation Wetlands Education Program

This 2.5 day workshop is hosted by Project Watershed, the Courtenay District Fish & Wildlife Association, and the BCWF's Wetland Education Program. The event will be held November 17th, 18th and 26th in Courtenay. For further information and registration details visit: www.bcwf.bc.ca or contact Lisa Helmer at 1-888-881-2293 or (604) 291-9990 ext. 225.

Connecting Water Resources 2006 - Water Management in Canada: Leadership at Every Level

This national symposium will discuss how to effectively manage water in Canada and what leadership is needed to do so. This year's conference will be held November 20th - 23rd at le Centre Sheraton Montreal, Quebec. For information and registration details visit: http://www.cwn-rce.ca/base/conferences/national_conference

Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network National Science Meeting 2006

This year's theme is "Data to Outcomes: What have we learned? Who did we tell? What difference did it make?". The meeting will be held at the Fairmont Winnipeg from November 20th - 25th. Full details are available at: <http://www.eman-rese.ca/eman/reports/meetings/national2006/intro.html>

DATA REQUESTS

BC Lake Stewardship & Monitoring Program

Please send in your 2006 season sampling data to the BCLSS office as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and dedication in collecting baseline data for many of BC's lakes!

Ice On/Off Data

With winter quickly approaching we would like to remind everyone to monitor the ice conditions on your lake. Ice data can be submitted at the end of the ice season, in spring. The BCLSS is also interested in any historical ice on/off data. Data and questions can be directed to the BCLSS office.

Visit: <http://www.bclss.org/docs/IceDataCollectionSheet.pdf> for an Ice On/Off data collection form and monitoring protocol.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL?

Is your BCLSS membership up for renewal? Please visit <http://www.bclss.org/membershipandspon.html> for a renewal form.

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