



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

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LEVEL 3—BEYOND THE BASICS



While Level 1 and Level 2 monitoring provides meaningful information about the trophic status and water quality of a lake, a Level 3 monitoring program can give a much more detailed assessment of a lake. Level 3 monitoring programs enable us to more accurately see the fluctuations and changes in water quality throughout the sampling season.

If funding is available to your lake group, you may want to consider doing this valuable, Level 3 monitoring program!

Of the 47 lake reports posted on the BCLSS website, 8 are Level 3 reports. If you are interested in viewing reports on lakes in your area, please visit: www.bclss.org/library/library/cat_view/60-bclssmp-lake-reports.html

Pictured at left: Chris Swan (Williams Lake MoE) sampling on Dragon Lake

REMINDERS

Important DATE! **Conference** registration forms are now available! Our annual conference will be held **June 12th-14th** at beautiful Watch and Green Lakes, located east of 70 Mile House. This year the conference is titled "Interface 2009 - Linking Land to Water on the Bonaparte Plateau". Register now for a great weekend full of distinguished speakers, local entertainment, and even a Sunday field trip! Visit www.bclss.org/newsevents.html for more information. See you there!

Don't FORGET! The **2009 Secchi Dip In** runs from **June 27th to July 19th**. This event provides a snapshot of the clarity of your lake, and taken over several years can help in determining the health of your lake. Past participants will be emailed information and the data form in the coming weeks. For more information, contact the BCLSS office or visit <http://www.bclss.org/newsevents/events/144-2009-secchi-dip-in.html>.

Announcement! **Free NALMS Trial Membership for Members of NALMS Affiliates.** If you've ever considered joining NALMS (North American Lake Management Society), here is your chance to try it for free! The BCLSS is an Affiliate member of NALMS, and as such, BCLSS members can sign up for a free three month trial membership with NALMS by visiting <http://www.nalms.org/nalmsnew/nalms.aspx?id=114&Sid=5>.

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MEMBERSHIP



Is your BCLSS membership up for renewal? The BCLSS relies on people like you! For a renewal form, visit <http://www.bclss.org/become-a-member/become-a-member.html> or contact the BCLSS office.



Don't forget to register on the new BCLSS website!! Registration is easy - if your membership is up-to-date the approval process won't be delayed. Follow through the steps as if you will be paying using PayPal, skipping the final step where you would enter payment information (if you do need to pay for your membership, PayPal is a secure option, and no account is required). To register, visit: www.bclss.org/component/comprofiler/registers.html