



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

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Do You Know a Hometown Hero?

Earth Day Canada is looking for nominations for their Hometown Heroes Award Program 2007.

Hometown Heroes are dedicated Canadians committed to local environmental change. Faced with pressing environmental concerns, these individuals strive to create healthy and sustainable communities, while fostering long-term community awareness and action.

Their actions are an inspiration to us all and Earth Day Canada wants to celebrate these environmental stewards. Explore the Earth Day Canada website to find out how you, or someone you know, can be the next Hometown Hero. <http://www.earthday.ca/hometown/>.

Candidates may be nominated, or can apply on their own behalf.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY APRIL 20, 2007

Every year, the Hometown Hero is honoured at the **Annual Earth Day Canada Gala** in Toronto, Ontario. The Gala will take place Friday, June 1 at 6:00 pm. Dr. David Suzuki will be the special guest speaker at the Gala, and will present the 2007 Earth Day Canada Outstanding Commitment to the Environment Award. This event will also be the first ever Carbon Neutral Gala held in Canada, mitigated through Zerofootprint. For more information on Zerofootprint, visit www.zerofootprint.net.

Reminders to BCLSSMP Volunteers

- ⌘ **Spring overturn sampling** should be taking place soon. Depending on your area, your lake may already be in overturn. It's time to dust off your sampling equipment and make your maiden voyage for 2007.
- ⌘ **Volunteer Insurance**, provided free of charge to BCLSS members that **actively** participate in volunteer activities, is up for renewal on April 15th. If you or members of your group require insurance, please send a list of names and phone numbers, along with a signed waiver (if not signed in previous years) to the BCLSS office. Waivers and other information will be sent out in the coming weeks, and is also available at www.bclss.org/membershipandspon.html under the heading "Insurance".

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Upcoming Events

- ⌘ **"On the Beach: A Skinny Dip into the Sustainability of Lake and Watershed Development"** - the 2007 BCLSS Conference will be held June 22 - 24 in Wasa, BC. Registration information will be sent out in the upcoming April quarterly newsletter.
- ⌘ **World Water Day** is March 22nd. This year's theme is **'Coping with Water Scarcity'**. Visit <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/> for more information. David Schindler will be making a presentation titled "Western Canada's Freshwater Supply in the 21st Century" in Kelowna, at the Rotary Centre for the Arts. Tickets are free, please call (250) 717-5304.
- ⌘ The 3rd Annual BC Interior Stewardship Workshop is being held March 29th & 30th in Kamloops. For more information email trobert@fraserbasin.bc.ca. To register for the workshop, visit www.createsurvey.com/c/46291-wpaQ5w/
- ⌘ 8th Western Canadian Symposium on Water Quality Research on April 21-25, 2007 in Penticton. <http://www.cawq.ca>