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June 2024 Newsletter



Rainbow Lake - Photo by Marge Sidney

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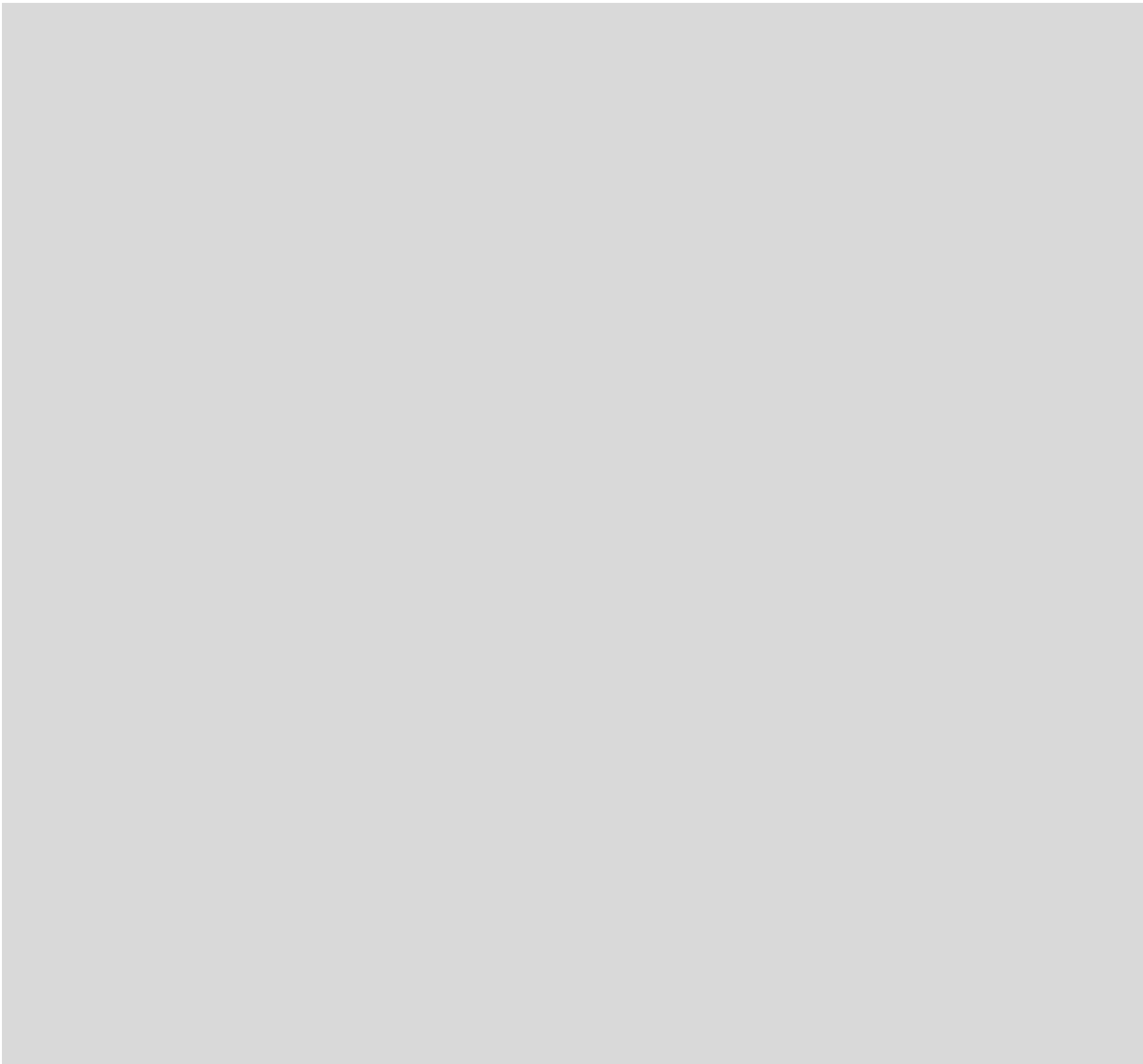


The BCLSS has had a busy spring filled with many training courses, including our First Nations Lake Stewardship & Monitoring Training Programs! We have been excited to offer this on-going program which has had participation from First Nations communities throughout BC. From the Skwah in the Lower Mainland, to the P'egp'ig'ha in Lillooet to the South Dakelh in the Cariboo, to the Kitsella in Terrace, our LakeKeepers workshops have been enthusiastically received.

This spring, we were fortunate to work with the Esket Land Guardians as well as members of the St'at'imc Nation to host two more successful First Nations LakeKeepers courses. In addition, we held a 3-day Lake Ecology and Monitoring Training and Certification course with the Simpcw First Nation. The course was well received. Byron Haller, Archeological Overview Assessment Field Technician wrote "The course was excellent"!

Our main partnership for these programs in 2024 is the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Read more about the training courses we offer [here](#).





ESKET LAND GUARDIANS LAKE KEEPERS TRAINING



The Esket Land Guardians 1.5 Day LakeKeepers Workshop held April 2024. The Esket Land Guardians have now opted to take the BCLSS 3 day Lake Ecology & Monitoring Certification Course in July.



Members of the St'at'imc Nation sampling the water of Seton Lake near Lillooet, BC. The workshop had representatives from four different St'at'imc Nations.



Members of the St'at'imc Nation examining a zooplankton sample.

2024 Secchi Dip-In

BC Lake Stewardship Society

*Lakes Appreciation Month &
the Annual Secchi Dip-In*
July 1st to 31st, 2024



Lakes Appreciation Month is just around the corner! It's time to dig out your Secchi disks in preparation for the Annual Secchi Dip-In running from July 1 to 31, 2024.

The 2024 Secchi Dip-In information can be found [here](#) and we have a form for [returning participants](#) and for [new participants](#).

Can't decide which lake to "dip"? No problem, we will accept dips from as many lakes as you would like to sample! Also, feel free to take multiple dips on the same lake within Lakes Appreciation Month.

Please submit your Secchi Dip-In data to BCLSS promptly to ensure that it is included in our final results. You can submit your completed Secchi Dip-In forms on our website or send them by email to info@bclss.org

Note: If you are already monitoring your lake at a level 1, 2, or 3, you may use one or more of your regular Secchi readings (providing that the data falls between July 1 and July 31) for the Annual Secchi Dip-In; however, we ask that you please complete a separate Secchi Dip-In form aside from your regular level 1, 2, or 3

data sheet.

Once again, we will have prizes for those that participate in the BC Secchi Dip-In. Stay tuned for more information!

We appreciate receiving your Secchi dips and hope you can participate this year! Please share with anyone that may be interested.

Happy dipping!

2023 SECCHI DIP-IN

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[Read the 2023 Secchi Dip-In report here!](#)



Okanagan Lake by SM Jones

Not a member of the BCLSS yet? Please consider joining our network of lake stewards! For more information on the benefits of membership, visit our website.

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The BCLSS acknowledges that the lake stewardship activities of our staff, directors, and volunteers take place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of First Nations Peoples throughout British Columbia. We recognize that Indigenous Peoples have stewarded these lands and waters for generations and we are grateful to the Elders, Traditional Knowledge Keepers, and youth that implement their knowledge and traditional laws to preserve water and life for the benefit of all.



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