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Upcoming LakeKeepers workshop a “how-to” for stewards

Love your lake? Don't miss this region-wide, August event

Lake Windermere, B.C. — People who love lakes will learn how to be good stewards of them at a LakeKeepers workshop this August. Hosted by the Lake Windermere Project and the B.C. Lake Stewardship Society, the workshop will be comprehensive, enjoyable and interesting. It will take place on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, 2009, at Lake Windermere.

“It’s for anyone who wants to form or join a lake stewardship group,” said Heather Leschied, of Wildsight’s Lake Windermere Project. “It’s a ‘how-to’ on water monitoring that will give people the tools to manage their lake’s specific needs, because each lake is different.”

Leschied said that people from Wasa Lake, Lake Lillian, Jimsmith Lake, Moyie Lake and Columbia Lake will attend the workshop, and it’s open to anyone. “Some spots are left,” she said. “If you’d like be sure of getting one, it’s best to register by August 7.”

The workshop will provide education and technical training. “It’s interactive and it’s delivered by qualified instructors,” Leschied said, “starting in the classroom with an intro to freshwater science and the LakeKeepers manual, and moving outdoors for the field component.”

The LakeKeepers manual—“A lakeshore resident’s guide to the stewardship and monitoring of lakes”—will be available for purchase during the workshop.

“All equipment—and lunch on each day—will be provided,” Leschied said. “That’s thanks to Columbia Basin Trust, whose support has helped us keep the cost to \$50 per participant.”

Kristi Carter, of the B.C. Lake Stewardship Society, said, “Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge on the unique properties of lakes!”

To register, call **Heather Leschied at 250-341-6898**, or the **BC Lake Stewardship Society at 1-877-BC LAKES**. Wildsight and the BC Lake Stewardship Society are providing in-kind support to help the workshop happen. More information can be found at www.bclss.org.

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About Wildsight: Wildsight works locally, regionally and globally to protect biodiversity and encourage sustainable communities in Canada's Columbia and southern Rocky Mountain region. This area is internationally recognized as a keystone to conservation in western North America. www.wildsight.ca.

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