

August 15, 2017

Demonstrate your support for lake wide initiatives. If you have not done so already, Please join or renew your membership now at www.leonardlake.net or mail a \$55 cheque to Bev Leabeter, 1128 Leonard Lake Road 2, Bracebridge, ON P1L1W8

Membership matters - it allows the association to speak with authority on behalf of Leonard Lake



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



This summer, as most of you are aware, the Leonard Lake Stakeholders are performing a number of tests in an attempt to determine the current state of lake

health.

On Sunday August 20th, at 10:30 a.m., we need help capturing benthic macroinvertebrates (or benthos). Benthos are used as indicators of water quality because they are relatively long-lived, they are abundant and widespread, and many have varying tolerances to a wide-range of impacts (pollutants). Benthos serve as an excellent early warning of threats to water quality, as they are greatly impacted by relatively small changes within their environment.

Capturing of Benthos is easy and can be done by young and old. The more "eyes", the faster the process. Early on the morning of the 20th an employee from the District Municipality of Muskoka (DMM) will collect lake bed soil samples for lake volunteers to view. At 10:30 all the volunteers will meet at a cottage to capture the Benthos species that will be subsequently identified and counted by DMM.

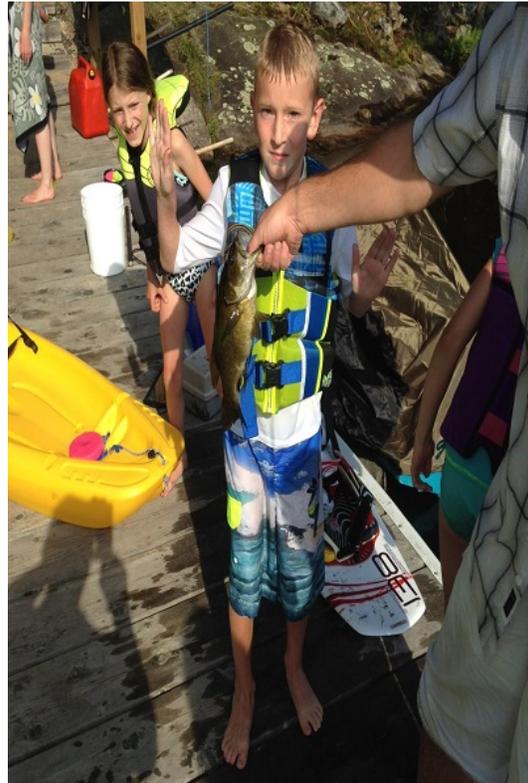
If interested please call Gord Roberts at (705) 764-1087 for further information. Your help is really needed...and...this is a great way to introduce lake health to your children or grandchildren!

FISHING CORNER - LEONARD LAKE "CATCH OF THE DAY"





Three pictures above - Jean Riffel and her catch from a few days of fishing off the dock.



- Dave Wood reports that he has caught a couple of lovely sized pickerel this year and has thrown some back too...a good sign that pickerel are thriving.

-Young Kasey Taylor caught this bass while fishing off the dock. Kasey is from California and is 8 years old and along with his family, was visiting grandparents on LL.

You will receive the 2017 Ontario Recreational Lakes and Algae Survey through email (or surface mail) in the next few days. LLSA has been asked to



assist in the distribution and we encourage you to participate. This voluntary, anonymous, on-line survey that will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, seeks your opinion on the health of your lake.

Your perspective will help government evaluate key issues relevant to improving or maintaining the quality of Ontario's recreational lakes in general.



Thanks to Lisa Penny and Mark Scarrow for organizing a fun and successful "Trade Secrets" event on Sunday of the August long weekend...and to all of the families that participated on the dock or on the water, thank you for your neighbourly hospitality.....and yummy! The treats were absolutely delicious!

There were close to 20 participating family docks and this is a sample of what one family on the lake picked up as they traded their very own "secrets"...Red Onion Marmalade, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Homemade Granola, Niagara Peach Squares, Homemade Biscotti, Spicy Cheeses Sticks, Maple Pecan Squares, Macaroons, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Rice Krispie Squares, Fresh Cherries, Toffly Almond Squares, Chocolate Covered Strawberries and Twizzlers.

We hear that 13 is the highest number of dock visits but if you can top that number send us a note. This is our second "on the water" event in as many years and we would love to have a similar event next summer and expand the number of participants around the lake. Send us your ideas!

Do you have a new neighbour this year or last? LLSA has a "Welcome Kit" that provides a lot of information to new residents and starts the family on the right foot to not only enjoy the lake, but protect it as well. Please let us know at leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com

♥Its Your Lake!

At the AGM this year, property owners were asked to write a "tip" that they believed would contribute to the health of Leonard Lake and here is a selection from the "tip" jar. We will continue to print tips in future EBLASTS and in the interim, we encourage you to think "quality of water, buffer zone and shoreline" and send your tips to leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com

- * Don't pour cooking fats down your sink - it's not good for the septic tank/beds because it blocks drainage. Collect the fats in a can or jar and store in your refrigerator until garbage day. (BL Rd 2)
- * Make sure 2 stroke engines are tuned up every year. They put oil in the water if not kept running at peak performance (CW GG Rd)
- * We purposely did not put in a dishwasher when we rebuilt our cottage. Swim in the lake instead of a shower (no soap of course) (PS GG)
- * Be vigilant with renters!! (JM Rd2)
- * Don't litter! Beer cans do not belong in the lake (JR Rd1)
- * Enforce high standards for septic systems. Prohibit cutting water's edge vegetation. No lawns allowed! (EM Rd1)

And another tip thanks to Donna McNeely. Both products are septic safe and environmentally friendly



Leonard Lake Volunteers at the Bracebridge Triathlon

This Leonard Lake team (Wendy and Kent Taylor, Cheryl Taylor and Ian Hunt, Teena Hunt and Jean Riffel) braved the 6:00 a.m. morning in pouring rain to help out at this year's Bracebridge Triathlon, in support of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka. Gilda's Club provides cancer support to individuals within the Simcoe and Muskoka region including Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Huntsville and many other outlying communities. (picture copied from Gilda's Club fb page)





The poster features a red warning triangle at the top with a white exclamation mark and a small circle below it. Below the triangle, the text "EMERGENCIES IN COTTAGE COUNTRY" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath this, a red horizontal bar contains the text "WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW" in white capital letters. Below the bar, the text "Will include speakers from the following 3 departments:" is written in white. A bulleted list follows: "• Fire Department", "• Paramedic Services", and "• Emergency Planning". At the bottom left is the MLA logo, which includes the letters "MLA" in green, a red maple leaf, and the text "Muskoka Lakes Association" and "Serving Muskoka since 1894". To the right of the logo, the event details are listed: "Saturday August 19, 2017 4 - 5:30 pm", "Bala Community Centre", and "RSVP info@mmla.on.ca or (705)765-5723".

Lost and Found

Hi lake-dwellers...A black Rubbermaid "30 gals" has drifted into our dock at 1054 LLRd 2 just beside the 14' sailboat we have advertised on road entrances at \$600 obo. And the owner of the former is also welcome to a special deal for both! Grahame and Sharon Abbott 705-764-1392

Website Distress!

leonardlake.net needs an overhaul and I need some "techie talent" volunteering and some youthful ideas. If you are interested, drop a note to Marilynne at leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com

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