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Special Announcement

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LAKE STEWARD PROGRAM

BE A LAKE STEWARD & HELP PROTECT THE LAKES!

The Lac du Flambeau Town Lakes Committee is pleased to announce that a Lake Steward Program will be held on Wednesday August 4 at the Lake of the Torches Resort and Casino Convention Center from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Participants will learn how lakes function, how to determine the water clarity and health of a lake, how to identify native as well as invasive aquatic plants, and more.

The program is structured for the layman and is designed to be hands-on, practical and useful. As much as possible, the workshop will focus on the lakes represented by the participants. Weather permitting, part of the training will occur on pontoon boats on Pokegama Lake. Through the program, participants will join a network of stewards dedicated to protecting the lakes of Lac du Flambeau.

The trainers include; Susan Knight, Aquatic Ecologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Sandy Wickman, Coordinator of the WDNR's Citizen lake Monitoring Network; and, Gretchen Watkins, Water Quality Specialist, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

Due to the hands-on nature of the training, participation is limited to forty individuals and no more than two participants per lake. All expenses associated with the program, including lunch and snacks, are provided by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Registrations must be received by June 30. To register or to request more information, please call Nancy Edwards at the LDF Town Hall, 715-588-3358.

2010 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Unless noted otherwise, register for the following by calling Nancy Edwards at the Lac du Flambeau Town Hall, 715-588-3358.

>Thursday, June 3, Purple Loosestrife Containment and Beetle Collecting Workshop (10:00 am-2:00 pm):

Brock Woods, Wisconsin Loosestrife and Beetle Biocontrol Manager, will teach about this invasive plant and how to collect, propagate and release *Galaracella* beetles that selectively eat loosestrife. The one-hour workshop will be followed by a field trip to collect beetles. The workshop will be held at the Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters. Bring a bag lunch.

>Thursday, June 3, How to Establish a Lake Association (7:00-8:00 pm): Learn how to start a lake association by attending this session sponsored by the LDF Town Lakes Committee (TLC), Vilas County Conservation Department, and North Lakeland Community Education. The session will be held at North Lakeland Community Education in Manitowish Waters.

>Friday, June 11, Lac du Flambeau Lakes Sweep (Sweep, 8:00 am-12:00 pm; Picnic, 1:00-3:00 pm): The LDF Environmental Community Organization (ECO) and the LDF Town Lakes Committee (TLC) will help volunteers search for AIS as well as collect trash. Volunteers will meet and register at the LDF Campground on Flambeau Lake at 8:00 am, or, preregister by calling Gretchen Watkins 588-3303. An appreciation picnic will be held at the campsite at 3:00 pm (Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass).

>Saturday, June 12, Clean Boats Clean Waters Workshop (9:30-11:30 am):

This workshop will teach volunteers how to identify aquatic invasive plants (Purple Loosestrife, Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pondweed) and how to examine watercraft for AIS. The session will be held at the Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters.

>Thursday, June 17, Lake Monitoring Workshop (9:00-11:30 am):

This workshop will teach how to identify a variety of invasive aquatic plants and animals that threaten Lac du Flambeau. The session will be held at the LDF Town Hall.

>Wednesday, June 23, AIS Lake Monitoring Workshop (10:00 am-12:00 pm):

The Invasive Species Coordinator for Vilas County, Ted Ritter, will conduct a workshop on the *why, where, when, and how* of lake monitoring. The session will be held at the Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters.

>Saturday, June 26, Lakes Fest (10:00 am-3:00 pm):

Learn about the lakes and have some fun at the same time by attending the *Annual Lakes Fest* sponsored by the LDF Tribe—downtown Lac du Flambeau. (Registration is not necessary)

>Saturday, June 26, Up North at the Cabin: Designed by former Kindergarten teacher, Judy Ruch, this program uses Up North at the Cabin to introduce aquatic invasive species to 4-9 year old children as well as teach them about caring for the lakes. The session will be held at the public library in Lac du Flambeau. Call the library at 588-7001 for details.

>Monday, June 28: Up North at the Cabin (9:00-11:30 am):

Designed by former Kindergarten teacher, Judy Ruch, this program uses Up North at the Cabin to introduce aquatic invasive species to 4-9 year old children as well as teach them about caring for the lakes. The session will be held at the Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters.