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Greetings!

Who is the greatest underwater spy? James Pond.

That's right folks, the Water Wise team is busy preparing for the summer and will be flowing into a neighborhood near you. The team will be going door-to-door to discuss summer watering restrictions with Township of Langley residents. You can also catch the Water Wise booth at local events across Langley throughout the summer.

Summer Youth Eco-Crew



We are looking for Langley secondary students with a passion for enhancing the environment.

The Eco-Crew spends 75% of their time outdoors working on restoration and enhancement projects and 25% of their

time is spent on employability skills training.

<u>Click here to learn more about these two paid summer</u> positions at LEPS.

Join the Water Wise Team



Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Students are invited to help educate residents in the Township of Langley about the importance of drinking water and water conservation during May and June. Gain practical work

experience and obtain high school volunteer hours.

For more information email water@leps.bc.ca or call 604-546-0345.



Ecological Conservation Skill Building Volunteer Opportunity



Bring your work gloves and work boots to gain skills for your resume!

On May 20 from 1 to 4 pm and May 21 from 10 am to 12:30 pm we will be completing a beaver fence to prevent an ambitious beaver from chewing down the restoration work that has been completed along the Nicomekl River.

For more information and to RSVP email outreach@leps.bc.ca.

Canning Workshop



Join LEPS staff from 5 to 7:30 pm at the Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Center on May 21 for a hands-on, "how-to" home canning workshop.

Learn current standards for home canning and experience this art with a

group of peers in a fun atmosphere!

Cost is a sliding scale from \$5 to \$40. Register ASAP as space is limited! For more information and to register email outreach@leps.bc.ca

Thank-you to our sponsor: United Way of the Lower Mainland.

Backyard Composting



Learn how to make black gold in your own backyard on May 22 from 7 to 8 pm at the <u>NEW Langley</u> <u>Demonstration Garden</u>. In this workshop learn which type of composting is a good fit for your needs and how to quickly turn yard trimmings and fruit and vegetables scraps into rich, organic fertilizer.

RSVP at least one week in advance by emailing garden@leps.bc.ca or call 604-546-0344.

Training Fruit Trees to Produce More Fruit



On May 26 from 7 to 9 pm, learn how fruit trees grow and how to direct new growth to produce bigger crops in future years at the <u>NEW Langley</u> <u>Demonstration Garden.</u>

Discussion will include training of espalier and similar tree forms, fruit thinning of apples and pears, and non-chemical barriers to prevent Codling Moth and Apple Maggot

infestations.

RSVP at least one week in advance to: garden@leps.bc.ca or call 604-546-0344.

Private Well and Septic Seminars



Protect your investment!

Learn about proper private well and septic tank maintenance from Dean

Scovill, a former employee of Fraser Health now working for a large municipal water operation. Both seminars will be held upstairs in the Murrayville Fire Hall, 22170 50 Avenue, Langley.

Private Well Seminar: May 29 from 7 to 9 pm

Septic Tank Seminar: June 5 from 7 to 9 pm

For more information or to RSVP email water@leps.bc.ca or call 604-546-0345.

Picnic in the Park



Bring along a picnic dinner and join us for an evening of garden tours and fun activities for the whole family at the <u>NEW Langley Demonstration Garden</u> on May 29 from 5 to 7 pm.

Some BBQ and snacks will be available by donation.

Spring Bird Count



The Glen Valley Watersheds Society would like to invite you to their annual Spring Bird Count on May 30 starting at 6 am (that's sleeping in for birders!). This invitation is open to all levels, from beginners to experienced. The count will start at

Poplar Bar which is at the end of Lefeuvre Road at River Road. The day ends at about noon with a potluck lunch at Poplar Bar.

For more information or to RSVP email stewardship@leps.bc.ca.

Backyard Bounty Workshop



Have you always wanted to grow your own produce, but weren't sure where to begin? This workshop for beginners will guide you through decisions such as what to grow, when to plant it, and what to do with the harvest.

Drop in, May 31 from 10 to 11 am at Cedar Rim Nursery located at 7024 Glover Road.

Employment Opportunities at LEPS



If you are interested in working for a fantastic employer and increasing your knowledge about the environment, <u>check out the</u> <u>employment opportunities on the LEPS</u> <u>website.</u>

Volunteers Needed: Water Quality Testing



LEPS has been conducting tests to determine water quality in Langley's watersheds.

Most watersheds have 5 sites, each taking about 45 minutes to one hour to gather data.

Would you be interested in helping us

gather data? Volunteers will be trained and all equipment will be provided. For more information email <u>water@leps.bc.ca</u>.

Registration starts soon for our popular Eco Explorers Day Camps! Watch for details in the June newsletter or visit the <u>LEPS website</u> for the 2014 schedule.

Sincerely,

Langley Environmental Partners Society