



Langley Environmental Partners Society

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Greetings!

In spring, two student teachers from UBC gained work experience while helping with our school programs. It was wonderful to have their assistance AND they provided a wonderful [mini "documentary"](#) of their experience.

If you are interested in gaining experience with public speaking or working with children, check out our volunteer opportunities listed below.

Volunteer Opportunity



The Water Wise team is looking for volunteers to help with distributing informational door-hangers around Langley this summer.

This is a great opportunity for students!

For more information email waterwisetech@tol.ca

More Volunteer Opportunities



The [NEW location for the Langley Demonstration Garden](#) is very beautiful and demands a lot of attention.

LEPS needs your help with getting the garden looking its best for upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering your time on August 5, 9, or 20 please email demogarden@tol.ca.

We also require volunteer help during the annual Blackberry Bakeoff August 21. Email demogarden@tol.ca for more information.

If you are interested in volunteering with the summer camps July 16-18, July 23-25, or July 30, 31, and August 1 email demogarden@tol.ca Volunteers helping with children's programs must provide a criminal record check.

Kids in Agriculture Day Camps

Become an agricultural enthusiast!

Kids will discover the wonders of local food, while they grow and harvest vegetables in a schoolyard garden and visit local farm locations. Starting July 23, the camp runs Tuesday through Thursday 9am to 3pm at the Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Centre.

Hosted in partnership between LEPS, the Township of Langley and the Langley School District.

For more information and to register see page 41 of the [Township of Langley Summer Camp Guide](#).

EcoExplorers Day Camps



If you have kids between 6-12 years old, sign up for [EcoExplorers Day Camps](#) on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from **10:30am to 1:30pm** in July and August.

Each topic is repeated 3 times per week: **July 16-18: Tree Huggers, July 23-25: Bumble Boogie, July 30-August 1: Things with Wings, August 6-8: Garden Grub, and August 13-15 Water, Water Everywhere.**

EcoExplorers camps are hosted at the [NEW Langley Demonstration Garden](#). Cost is \$5 per child per day. **To register email demogarden@tol.ca.**

Backyard Composting Workshop



In a landfill a banana peel can take up to 20 years to break down, in a backyard composter it can take as little as a few weeks.

In this workshop on **July 23, from 7 to 8:30pm** learn what type of composting is a good fit for your needs, how to compost difficult items like pet waste, and how to trouble-shoot your backyard bin.

To register email demogarden@tol.ca at least one week in advance.

Can It! Food Preservation Workshop



Learn how to safely preserve the summer harvest! This hands-on workshop **July 22 from 10am to 1pm at the Kinsmen Community Centre** will guide you through the steps of canning seasonal produce.

Please bring your own clean apron, paring knife, and cutting board.

Registration must be at least one week in advance by emailing demogarden@tol.ca.

Container Gardening Workshop



Did you know there are vegetables and herbs that can still be planted in containers for fall harvest?

July 30 from 10:30 to noon at the NEW Langley Demonstration Garden learn tips from an organic master gardener on how to grow a

container salad garden! To register email kgreenwood@tol.ca.

Thank you to the United Way Lower Mainland for providing funding for this project.

Gardening with Kids Workshop



Do you want some ideas for keeping the kids outside, away from the TV this summer?

This hands-on workshop at the **NEW Langley Demonstration Garden on August 8 from 10:30am to noon** is for parents and their kids to learn how

to be chefs, artists, and zookeepers in the backyard!

To register email demogarden@tol.ca

Langley Eats Local

Save the Date!



August 11 from 11am to 3pm is the annual [Langley Eats Local](#) food festival. This year it is going to be held at the [NEW Langley Demonstration Garden](#).

You are invited to join in the fun as you learn first hand how easy it is to create your own 100 mile diet with the amazing diversity of food produced in the Lower Mainland.

Grow Healthy, Grow Smart



Pollinators are more than beautiful bugs in the garden. 1 in 3 bites of food would not be available if it weren't for these industrious insects.

The next time you make a salad, save a few organic carrots (with tops left on) for planting in the garden. Carrot flowers are an excellent source of food for beneficial insects.

For more tips and tricks about organic gardening visit the Grow Healthy, Grow Smart booth at Langley Eats Local and BC Rivers Day or go to the [Grow Healthy, Grow Smart website](#).

By supporting LEPS and our various programs and partners, you will be contributing to practical and cooperative solutions to environmental issues in Langley and beyond!

Sincerely,

Langley Environmental Partners Society