

Indian Bay Ecosystem News

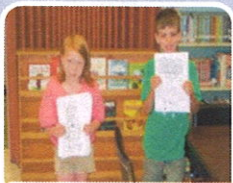


Indian Bay Ecosystem Green Team 2012

The Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation who is the community partner for the Conservation Corps NL has employed four youth for a Green Team this summer. The Conservation Corps is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing youth with training and employment in environmental and cultural heritage conservation. Their goals are to help young people gain leadership, teamwork and employment skills, to develop and promote a strong conservation ethic in Newfoundland and Labrador and to work with communities and partners to enhance, restore and sustainably develop the natural and cultural resources of the province. The Conservation Corps are in their 20th year of service and the Indian Bay team of Bruce Glover (Team Leader), Kelsey Hunt, Tonie Keats and Josh Kroyer (Team Members) are one of 23 Green Teams working throughout Newfoundland and Labrador this summer.



The Green Team started off their summer with a week-long training camp over in Corner Brook filled with sessions on conducting environmental awareness events (EAE's), clean-up events, first aid certification and the importance of workplace safety. During the 7 weeks of work at IBEC, the team completed 7 EAE's on various topics including climate change, logging, wetlands, Atlantic salmon and brook trout, and the Indian Bay Watershed. These EAE events took place throughout the local watershed region with the team travelling to Crab Festival in New-Wes-Valley, Capelin Festival in Greenspond, Indian Bay Salmon River Day's, Dover Day's, Smallwood Day's in Gambo, the public library in Centreville and Chantale's Day Care. A community clean-up of Wareham Beach was organized with help from the CWT Community Enhancement Committee where volunteers spent the day cleaning up the beach front and nearby grassy areas. The team also spent part of the summer working on initiatives in the Indian Bay Watershed including the construction and posting of road signage along the access roads of the watershed and conducting access surveys. These access surveys provide IBEC with valuable information on the users of the Indian Bay Watershed. Surveys include questions relating to recreational usage of the watershed, fishing practices, and observations on the number of users travelling through the area; as well as providing an opportunity to promote environmental stewardship and educating users of the regulations pertaining to activities in the protected water supply area. The Indian Bay Green Team felt that they gained valuable work experience while working with the Conservation Corps and IBEC and would recommend anyone looking for summer work to apply for a Green Team position next summer.



Green Team EAE Climate Change Presentation at the Public Library. Tayler Pickett and Jake Rogers participated in activities and games illustrating the effects of climate change. This climate change presentation was also delivered to kids at Chantale's Day Care.



On July 31, the Green Team along with community volunteers, town councillors, and members of the CWT Community Enhancement Committee participated in a clean up on the beach in Wareham. Volunteers removed 3 trailer loads of kelp, alders, and garbage from the site. The event was quite successful. The initiative is an ongoing community project to beautify this stretch of shoreline and make it into a space for the community to use. There has been a small pathway created and sitting areas added to the grassy areas.



Part of the summer was spent constructing new signage that was posted at key locations within the Indian Bay watershed.



On August 6 the Green Team had an EAE at the Smallwood Days in Gambo where they displayed information on logging and had a game for the kids. The Green Team also travelled to summer festivals in New-Wes-Valley, Greenspond, Indian Bay and Dover where they presented educational displays on climate change, Atlantic salmon and brook trout and the Indian Bay watershed.

Message from the Executive Director

Mission: "We believe that all of us together have a shared responsibility to conserve and enhance our wilderness heritage, that our forests, rivers and streams form the life blood of our cultural and economic identity, and that this priceless gift must be preserved, protected and passed on as our legacy to generations yet unborn."

The summer season for fishing and recreation in the Indian Bay Watershed is once again drawing to a close. So far, we have had an exceptional summer for those of us who enjoy participating in recreational activities in the great outdoors. However, the warm temperatures and dry season has led to extremely low water levels and high water temperatures in the province's scheduled salmon rivers. This has meant frequent advisories issued by DFO closing salmon rivers for much of the season. The inland brook trout fishery has also just closed in the Indian Bay and Northwest Brook Watersheds for the summer season with a brief re-opening scheduled for the Labor Day long weekend.

Here at the IBEC office we have been working on giving our building a face-lift over the summer, completing an exterior staining and minor repair project. Thanks for the many compliments we have received on our new look. Many of you may have also noticed four new young faces working at the Ecosystem this summer. We hired a team of four local high school students through the Conservation Corps. to help educate the local community on environmental stewardship initiatives, including educational presentations/displays, community clean-ups, and conducting access surveys.

IBEC staff and fellow university researchers are gearing up to start work on a water quality monitoring project focusing on surface waters in the Indian Bay Watershed and community roadside springs. The study will focus on a small scale sampling effort to assess current water quality in the watershed and a survey to determine the community's perspective on drinking water quality in the region. Funding for this project has been made possible through the Harris Centre RBC Water Fund. Our current EDF migratory bird project will continue this fall with a duck nest-box workshop at Centreville Academy.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and remember to respect our great outdoors when participating in recreational activities. **Hope to see you at our upcoming AGM this November!**

Items for Tender

IBEC has the following items available by tender:

1. **1997 Yamaha Enticer II snowmobile (8BY-012572)**
2. **1997 Yamaha Enticer II snowmobile (8BY-012932)**
3. **1 1999 4X4 Big Bear Special Edition ATV + 2 1997 Yamaha 4X4 Big Bear Special Edition ATV's (to be sold as one unit)**

All equipment is to be sold on a basis of "As is – Where is" and bidding will be through a closed envelope system. Bidding will open on Tuesday, August 21st at 8:30 am and will close on Wednesday, September 12th at 3 pm. Call or email the office at 522-3222 or ibec@eastlink.ca if you wish to view the equipment. Please include full item details along with your bid and contact information in a sealed envelope. Sealed bids will be opened on the evening of September 12th and the highest bidder will be awarded the item. Accepted methods of payment will be cash or certified cheque.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permits are available for purchase at the IBEC office. The cost of a permit is \$19.21. Please call office at 522-3222 for details and office hours.

Correction to page 19 of the Angler's Guide: Should state that the Indian Bay, Middle Brook, and Northwest Brook Watersheds will be open Labour Day Weekend from August 31st – September 3, 2012.

The Indian Bay Recycling Depot is now accepting all types of paint cans and spray cans. For further details please call 709-678-2276 after 4 pm.

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