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Coastal Conservation Youth Corps: Empowering the Next Generation of Stewards

Over the past five years, 164 passionate high school students have joined the Coastal Conservation Youth Corps (CCYC) dedicating nearly 4,500 volunteer hours to Lake Huron shoreline restoration, species monitoring, and environmental education. These youth have not only gained hands-on experience but also developed crucial skills in leadership, communication, and community engagement.

The CCYC is more than just an environmental program—it's an opportunity for youth to actively participate in the solutions to the challenges facing Lake Huron. From learning about the effects of climate change to directly contributing to shoreline conservation efforts, the program inspires and equips young people to become lifelong advocates for the health of their local environment. With the help of corporate sponsors, community groups, foundations,

and individual donors like you, the CCYC has created a lasting impact. Your support enables these bright, dedicated individuals to explore career paths in environmental science, leadership, and community service. We are proud of all the incredible work these youth have accomplished and look forward to what the next season holds.

Support the future of Lake Huron by contributing to the CCYC program. Your donation will help us continue providing these opportunities for youth to grow as environmental leaders. Together, we can ensure a brighter future for all.





Beach Clean-ups: Cleaning Lake Huron One Pound of Garbage at a Time

Our beaches are among Lake Huron's greatest treasures, and this year, our beach clean-up efforts helped ensure they remain pristine for both wildlife and community enjoyment. Thanks to the hard work of 340 volunteers, we removed over 650 pounds of trash from our shores during two major events: the Goderich Earth Day clean-up with 175 volunteers and the First of Fall clean-up in Sarnia with 165 volunteers. These efforts made a tangible difference in reducing plastic pollution and protecting delicate habitats.

But beach clean-ups aren't just about one-day events. Through our beach clean-up stations, we've created an ongoing solution to keeping our beaches clean year-round. These stations, stocked with supplies, empower the community to take action whenever they visit the beach. The stations are a symbol of community ownership and responsibility for Lake Huron's health.

Your donations will help LHCC host more beach clean-up events in 2025 as well ensure the stations are stocked with the necessary tools to keep our beaches clean. Whether you're passionate about reducing plastic pollution or simply enjoy spending a day at the beach, your contribution will have a lasting impact.

Join us in preserving Lake Huron's beauty by donating to our beach clean-up initiatives.





Coast Watchers: 19 Years of Progress and Impact

We are thrilled to celebrate the 19th anniversary of our flagship program. For over nearly two decades, Coast Watchers has become a cornerstone of the Lake Huron Coastal Centre's mission, gathering data that informs our understanding of Lake Huron's environmental health. Thanks to our dedicated network of volunteers, this season alone, Coast Watchers gathered over 1,250 reports from both the Canadian and American shores of Lake Huron.

These reports cover vital topics such as plastic pollution, harmful algae blooms, species at risk, and the impacts of human activity and climate change. The consistency and scale of this data is essential to inform decision making on a local and national level. By contributing to this program, community scientists of all ages and backgrounds have helped build a rich timeline of data so we can better understand Lake Huron.

We need your help to keep this momentum going! Your generous support allows us to continually enhance Coast Watchers, whether through updates to our mobile app, purchasing new equipment, or expanding our volunteer network. With your help, we can continue to gather crucial data and make greater strides in preserving Lake Huron for generations to come.

Stay tuned for the annual Coast Watchers report, coming in the new year. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the health of Lake Huron. Donate today to support the next 19 years of environmental stewardship.

Our programs offer free and meaningful opportunities to engage with nature, fostering a positive impact on both communities and the health of Lake Huron.

Read firsthand accounts from our community members about how our initiatives have made a difference to their lives and the environment.

“I now wish I was a biologist! Coast Watchers has been a wonderful way to get outside and connect with nature. And it has made me a better advocate for the environment because I have committed to this.”

- Coast Watchers volunteer



“I feel more connected to the beaches and coastal ecosystems, I also feel more passionate about protecting and sharing about these dunes. I see these beaches and water in a different way now.”

-CCYC participant

“I have enjoyed a greater understanding of the dynamics of our beautiful Lake Huron and how it is impacted by the environment. It is interesting to watch the interaction of wildlife throughout the seasons.”

- Coast Watchers volunteer



“Participating in CCYC, for a second time, has changed the way I think about our coastal needs and how important it is to our community to preserve and protect nature. This program made a huge impact to me in keeping me engaged with our community.”

-CCYC participant

We Need Your Help

Lake Huron Coastal Centre is a registered charitable organization and 97% of our work is funded through donations and grants! Your gift today will help ensure we pass on a positive environmental legacy to future generations.

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