



# Join CCYC This Summer Join Lake Huron Coastal Centre's Youth Education Program

Youth aged 14-18 have the opportunity to learn about Lake Huron on the Lake Huron shoreline, while getting hands-on experience with local environmental projects and earning up to 30 volunteer hours!

The Coastal Conservation Youth Corps (CCYC) program provides youth with an opportunity to learn about topics such as coastal processes, water quality, aquatic ecosystems, low-impact design and development, shoreline history, and coastal economies. Participants gain valuable experience with stewardship activities, like dune restoration, plant species identification, invasive plant removal, shoreline



cleanups, microplastic testing, and community planning. Ecology expert, Kerry Kennedy, will teach participants the practical skills commonly used by local environmental practitioners that help enhance shoreline resilience and reduce the impacts of climate change.

# **Register NOW!**

#### Upcoming Sessions: Saugeen Shores from July 8-12 Kincardine from July 15-19 (register for wait list)



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# It's Not Too Late to Support!

As a small charity, we rely on donations to help fund our conservation programs. Our programs provide communities with free and unique opportunities to with nature for connect the betterment of Lake Huron. These programs include beach clean-ups that directly improve the health of beaches and wildlife. Our Coastal Conservation Youth Corps empowers youth to learn about



**the coastal environment**. And our Coast Watchers community science program that encourages volunteers to collect data about the shoreline. To support our work, click the button below.

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### How PFAS Chemicals Impact the Environment A Message From Consumer Notice

Consumer Notice is a consumer advocacy organization dedicated to providing reliable health and safety information. Their team works alongside consumer

advocates and legal experts to educate the public on harmful products including environmental hazards.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS for short, are a large group of manmade chemicals widely used in various products like nonstick cookware, stain repellents, and firefighting foams. These chemicals possess a unique property: the carbon-fluorine bond is extremely strong, making them highly resistant to degradation. This very feature that gives them industrial utility also presents a



significant environmental challenge. Because PFAS don't readily break down, they persist in the environment for a long time and can accumulate in soil, water, and even the bodies of animals and humans. This widespread presence raises concerns about the potential health risks of PFAS exposure, leading people to present PFAS lawsuits and this has also gained attention because of the disruption they may cause to ecosystems.



The presence of PFAS in rivers raises concerns for both human health and aquatic ecosystems. Public health officials are still investigating the long-term health effects of PFAS exposure, but potential risks include increased risk of certain cancers, developmental problems in children, and issues with the immune system. Regulations are evolving to address PFAS contamination, and efforts are underway to find effective ways to remove these chemicals from water sources.



The Lake Huron Coastal Centre is a registered charity founded in 1998 with the goals of protecting and restoring Lake Huron's coastal environment. We are the voice for Lake Huron.





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