



Announcements

Sunset Beach Clean-up Sauble Beach



When: Thursday August 4th, 2022 from 7:00pm-8:00pm

Where: 1120 Lakeshore Blvd N, South Bruce Peninsula, ON N0H 2G0

The Sauble Beach Sunset Clean-up will bring our community together to fight plastic pollution along Lake Huron. Bring a blanket and enjoy a beautiful Lake Huron sunset afterwards!

This event is made possible by a grant from Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

[Click here to register](#)

Make a Difference This Summer With CCYC

The 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 clean-ups, microplastic testing, and community planning.

Coastal Education Technician and 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. She says that “Many threats to the health of our water and shoreline such as temperature and plastic pollution are trending upward, which can be confusing and scary at times. Participating in the CCYC can be the first step in preparing youth with the skills and knowledge to care for our ever-changing environment”.

There are some spaces still available from July 18-22 and 25-29 in Saugeen Shores and from August 8-12 Goderich. In the fall, there are spots available during the weekends of September 17/18 and October 1/2.

[Click here to register](#)

Thank you Bruce Power for another year of support!



Bruce Power has been a long-time funder of the Coast Watchers program and is a major reason why it has continued to be successful since 2005. They continued their support this year by donating \$12,000 towards the new Coast Watchers mobile app. The creation of the app has led to major advancements in the program by streamlining the data collection process, allowing for more data to be collected and more volunteers to join the program. This week the LHCC is celebrating the 1,000th report collected in just two months of the app being active.

Green Ribbon Champion beach-dune assessment season is here!



Do you or someone you know own shoreline property in the **Township of Huron-Kinloss, the Municipality of Kincardine, or the Town of Saugeen Shores?**

Are you concerned about **erosion, flooding, algae growth, water quality, invasive species, and species-at-risk?**

It's not too late to become a **Green Ribbon Champion** this year! There are limited spots available.

Find more information and register here:

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Last Year's 'Dirty Dozen' From the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up

The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up (GCSC) is an agency that coordinates volunteer clean-up events using a standard protocol to record the most common types of litter found on Canadian shorelines. The data collected helps develop policies and inform the local area of the biggest pollution concerns. The Lake Huron Coastal Centre contributes to their dataset by submitting trash found during our clean-up events.

Psssst... they also make it super easy for anyone to host their own cleanup!

Each year the GCSC publishes the most common items found on the shoreline. Can you guess what the number one littered item was for 2021?

#12 Personal Protective

Equipment

11,450

There has been a huge spike in PPE since the COVID pandemic began, enough to make the top 12 spot!



#11 Coffee Cups

12,145

It's estimated that 16 billion disposable coffee cups are used each year globally.



#10 Plastic Water Bottles

12,398

Did you know it takes two times the amount of water to create the plastic water bottle compared to the water that's in the bottle.



#9 Straws

12,480

More than half a billion plastic straws are used everyday globally.



#8 Plastic Bags

16,971

Approximately one trillion single use plastic bags are used each year worldwide.



#7 Beverage Cans

17,800



Tin or aluminum cans are considered to be a high value recycled item because of their ability breakdown to their raw form, making it easier to produce new products.



#6 Paper 28,987

Paper products are a better alternative to plastic, but they are still a single-use item that takes significant resources to produce.



#5 Bottle Cap 33,576



#4 Food Wrappers 43,201



#3 Foam 44,592

Foam has moved from **11th** place in 2018 to **3rd** place in 2021. Foam also breaks down easily making it a common microplastic.

#2 Plastic Pieces 72,913



Plastic pieces are some of the hardest litter to clean up because many of the small fragments can get lost in the sand. **Often the bright colours can be mistaken for food by wildlife.**

#1 Cigarette Butts

146,614

People litter more than **4.5 trillion** cigarette butts every year. Cigarette filters contain **165 toxic chemicals**, which can **leach into the surrounding environment**, particularly when saturated. This reduces soil and water quality. They have been **recovered from stomachs of wildlife** and can take **10-15 years to break down** (the slowest decomposition rate happens in hot and dry areas such as beaches).

During our most recent beach cleanup event in Goderich, our volunteers found almost **5,000 butts in one morning.**



Have you seen these items? Think about what **YOU** can do to prevent the dirty dozen from littering our shoreline.

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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