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Earth Day Announcement: Region's Oldest Conservation Organization Announces 125th Anniversary Summer Programs

LAKE GEORGE, NY (April 20, 2010) - In honor of Earth Day, The Lake George Association announced today its 2010 summer schedule of ecology education programs for the public. This year, the historic conservation organization celebrates its 125th birthday. The LGA is the oldest lake association in the United States, and one of the oldest non-profit conservation organizations in New York.

Families, schools, businesses and individuals are invited to join the LGA for one or more of many educational offerings this summer; most are free of charge. Hands-on ecology programs for families will take place on Thursday mornings from 10 – 11 am; topics include Lake Invaders, Creek Critters and Fish Food. Lake lovers of all ages are invited aboard the LGA's Floating Classroom for on-the-lake learning adventures. Trips for the public will take place on Thursday mornings in July and August, leaving the dock at Shepard Park in Lake George. Additional times are available for groups. Four free workshops, entitled *Landscaping with Native Plants*, *Aquatic Invasive Plants – Do's and Don'ts*, *Water Conservation* and *Lawn Care and Pest Management* will be offered on four Saturday mornings this summer. Two volunteer clean-ups – one at West Brook and the other on Log Bay will be led by the LGA's educator, and the annual Lake George Loon Census count occurs on July 17. The organization's historic 125th annual meeting, open and free for all, will take place on Friday, August 20 at 11 am at the Lake George Club. Reservations are required for the annual meeting and floating classroom trips.

A complete schedule of the LGA's 125th anniversary summer ecology events follows.

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Lake George Association – 125th Anniversary – 2010 Summer Ecology Program Schedule

APRIL

M, W, F

26, 28, 30

Boating Safety Course

Lake George Association

Rt. 9 N, Lake George

5:30 – 8:30 pm

FREE (\$10 fee for certificate if you pass the course)

518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org

Leads to certification through NYS Parks and Recreation

Required for all boaters 10 – 18, and for those operating jet skis

MAY

M, W, F

10, 12, 14

Boating Safety Course

Lake George Association

Rt. 9N, Lake George

5:30 – 8:30 pm

FREE (\$10 fee for certificate if you pass the course)

518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org

Leads to certification through NYS Parks and Recreation

Required for all boaters 10 – 18, and for those operating jet skis

Sunday, 16

Boating Safety Course

Sponsored by the Lake George Association

Snug Harbour Marina

Ticonderoga, 9 am – 5 pm

Public should call: 518-585-2628

LGA's phone: 518-668-3558

FREE (\$10 fee for certificate if you pass the course)

Leads to certification through NYS Parks and Recreation

Required for all boaters 10 – 18, and for those operating jet skis

JUNE

W & Thu

9 & 10

LGA Days at Hague Beach & Town Park

LAKE GEORGE Ecology - education and information booth

11 am – 2 pm, FREE

Lake George Association

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JUNE, continued

M, W, F
7, 9, 11

Boating Safety Course

Lake George Association
Lake George
5:30 – 8:30 pm
FREE (\$10 fee for certificate if you pass the course)
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
Leads to certification through NYS Parks and Recreation
Required for all boaters 10 – 18, and for those operating jet skis

Tues 15

LGA Stream Clean-up– Volunteers Wanted

Westbrook Rd and Beach Rd, Lake George, 10 am – noon
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
FREE

Sat 19

Boating Safety Course

Sponsored by the Lake George Association

Schroon Lake Marina
Schroon Lake, 9 am – 5 pm
Public should call: 518-532-7882
LGA phone: 518-668-3558
FREE (\$10 fee for certificate if you pass the course)
Leads to certification through NYS Parks and Recreation
Required for all boaters 10 – 18, and for those operating jet skis

Sat 19

Landscaping with Native Plants with Emily DeBolt, LGA director of education

an LGA lake-friendly-living workshop
Lake George Association, Rt. 9N, Lake George, 10 am – 1 pm, FREE
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
Learn about native plants for the Lake George area that work well for rain gardens and buffers. Have clay soils? A deer problem? Or want to attract butterflies to your garden? Find ideal plants for all these instances. Think about an area where you might want to use native plants. Work on planning a garden, and buy some native plants to get it started (optional!)

Sat 19

Native Plant Sale, Benefit for the LGA

Lake George Association, Rt. 9N, Lake George, 1 – 4 pm
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org

JULY

Wed 7

Public Floating Classroom 2-hr trip on Lake George

Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org Reservations required
Suggested donation: \$10 adults, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure

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JULY, continued

- 11 – 17 ***Adirondack Park Invasive Species Awareness Week***
Lake George Visitors Center, Lake George
Educational Display -- 11 am – 4 pm
Learn all about lake, land and forest invaders!
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org FREE
- Wed 14 ***Public Floating Classroom*** 2-hr trip on Lake George
Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
National Secchi Dip-in with Kent State University
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
Reservations required
Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure
- Thu 15 ***Lake Invaders***
Family Hands-on Water Ecology Adventure
Shepard Park, Lake George, 10 – 11 am, FREE
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
- Fri 16 ***Lake George Association***
Summer Gala Benefit Event
Celebrating LGA's 125th Anniversary
Inn at Erlowest, Lake George, 6:30 pm
518-668-3558
info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
Reservations required, \$150 pp
- Sat 17 ***Aquatic Invasive Plants – Do's and Don'ts***
Tyler Smith, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program
An LGA lake-friendly-living workshop
Lake George Association, Rt. 9N, Lake George, 10 am – 1 pm, FREE
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
Learn to distinguish invasive plants from native plants. Find out what to do about invasives. Under specific conditions, hand pulling of plants is ok – we'll show you how. (If you do it wrong, you can just make the problem worse!)
- Sat 17 ***Adirondack Loon Census Count*** 8 – 9 am
Volunteers needed to monitor sections of shoreline around the lake.
Call the LGA in advance to sign up for an area to monitor.
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org FREE

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JULY, continued

- Sat 17 ***Boating Safety Course***
Sponsored by the Lake George Association
Alpin House
Amsterdam, 9 am – 5 pm
Public should call: 518-843-4400
LGA's phone: 518-668-3558
FREE (\$10 fee for certificate if you pass the course)
Leads to certification through NYS Parks and Recreation
Required for all boaters 10 – 18, and for those operating jet skis
- Wed 21 ***Public Floating Classroom*** 2-hr trip on Lake George
Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org Reservations required
Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure
- Thu 22 ***Creek Critters***
Hands-on Water Ecology Adventure
Lake George Recreation Center
Rt 9N, Lake George – Meet at first, top parking lot
10 -11 am, FREE
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
- Fri 23 ***WATERFEST***
Haviland Cove Beach, Glens Falls, 11 am – 4 pm
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org FREE
Fun and educational family activities all based on water
- Tues 27 ***Log Bay LGA Clean-Up*** – Volunteers Wanted
Meet in Log Bay. Come by boat or by car (Shelving Rock)
10 am – noon
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
FREE
- Wed 28 ***Public Floating Classroom*** 2-hr trip on Lake George
Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org Reservations required
Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure

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JULY, continued

Thu 29 **Fish Food**
Hands-on Water Ecology Adventure
Rogers Park Pavilion, Bolton Landing
10 -11 am, FREE
Lake George Association
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org

AUGUST

Wed 4 **Public Floating Classroom** 2-hr trip on Lake George
Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
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Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure

Thu 5 **Lake Invaders**
Family Hands-on Ecology Adventure
Shepard Park, Lake George, 10 – 11 am, FREE
Lake George Association
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Wed 11 **Public Floating Classroom** 2-hr trip on Lake George
Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
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Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure

Thu 12 **Creek Critters**
Family Hands-on Ecology Adventure
Lake George Recreation Center
Rt 9N, Lake George – Meet at first, top parking lot
10 -11 am, FREE
Lake George Association
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Wed 18 **Public Floating Classroom** 2-hr trip on Lake George
Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
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Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure

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AUGUST, continued

- Thu 19 **Fish Food**
Hands-on Water Ecology Adventure
Rogers Park Pavilion, Bolton Landing
10 -11 am, FREE
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518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
- Fri 20 **Lake George Association**
125th Annual Meeting
Lake George Club, Bolton, 11 am – 1 pm
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org Reservations required FREE
Join LGA Members and others interested in protecting the environment, ecology and economy of the Lake George.
Meet the LGA board of directors and receive updates on LGA's lake saving projects and educational programs.
- Sat 21 **Water Conservation**
with Emily DeBolt, LGA director of education
an LGA lake-friendly-living workshop
Lake George Association, 10 am – 1 pm, \$60 to make rain barrel
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
Use less water in your home and decrease storm runoff on your property. Learn about permeable pavements and make your own rain barrel. (We've done most of the work for you already!)
- Wed 25 **Public Floating Classroom** 2-hr trip on Lake George
Lake George Association
Leaves the dock at Shepard Park, Lake George, at 11 am
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org Reservations required
Suggested donation: \$10 adult, \$8 child
Hands-on Aquatic Ecology Adventure

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 11 **Lawn Care and Pest Management**
with Laurel Gailor, Cornell Cooperative Extension
An LGA lake-friendly-living workshop
Lake George Association, 10 am – 1 pm, FREE
518-668-3558 info@lakegeorgeassociation.org
Learn to care for your lawn in a lake friendly way. Instead of just applying chemicals for lawn care and pests, it is best to only treat when you have an actual problem.

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