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Volunteers Needed For Lake Monitoring Program

Northwest Montana Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Network

WHITEFISH, MT, 4 APRIL 2011 – Love to spend time on lakes? Interested in water quality? The Northwest Montana Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Network (NWMTLVMN) is looking for lake property owners and/or homeowners, summer cabin owners, recreationists, and just people who are interested in lakes to become volunteer monitors. There are currently 40 lakes in the program, and many are in need of a volunteer.

Volunteers will receive training and equipment to assist them in data collection. However, most volunteers will need their own boat. Depending on the monitoring location, motorized and non-motorized boats may be used. There are a few opportunities for volunteers who do not have access to a boat. Training will be offered this spring and monitoring will begin late spring/early summer of 2011. Volunteers will be asked to monitor their lake(s) twice per month, weather permitting, and will spend one day with Whitefish Lake Institute's Environmental Scientist collecting water chemistry data.

The NWMTLVMN Spring training dates are:

April 16, 2011 (Saturday) - 10:00am-1:00pm, City Beach, Whitefish

April 22, 2011 (Friday)- 10:00am-1:00pm , Wayfarers State Park, Bigfork

Remember to dress appropriately in waterproof layers, and bring pencil and paper for taking notes. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or you know someone who is, contact Josh at the Whitefish Lake Institute at 862-4327, or send an email to josh@whitefishlake.org.

Founded in 2005, the Whitefish Lake Institute is a 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization committed to acquiring scientific research, and to educating and engaging the local citizenry to protect the Whitefish area water resources of today, while providing a collective vision for tomorrow.

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