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## **Volunteers Needed for Lake Monitoring Program**

*Northwest Montana Lakes Network*

**WHITEFISH, MT 16 March 2022** – Love to spend time on lakes? Are you interested in water quality?

The Northwest Montana Lakes Network (NMLN) is looking for lake property owners and/or homeowners, recreationists, or just people who are interested in lakes to become volunteer water quality monitors.

There are currently 41 lakes in the program, and many need a volunteer including: Abbot, Ashley, Bailey, Beaver, Big Therriault, Blaine, Blanchard, Bootjack, Dickey, Dollar, Fish, Flathead (Conrad Point, Indian Bay, Mackinaw Alley, Skidoo Bay, Somers Bay, Woods Bay, Yellow Bay) Foys, Glen, Holland, Lake Five, Lindbergh, Loon, Lost Loon, Lower Stillwater, McGilvray, Murphy, Murray, Peterson, Rogers, Skyles, Smith, Spencer, Swan, Tally, Upper Stillwater, Upper Whitefish, and Whitefish.

Volunteers will receive training and equipment to assist them in data collection and aquatic invasive species identification. However, volunteers will need their own boat (motorized or non-motorized) to reach the midlake sample site. Training will be offered on **April 30th** and monitoring will begin late spring/early summer of 2022. Volunteers will be asked to monitor their lake(s) twice per month, weather permitting, and may spend one summer day with the Whitefish Lake Institute staff collecting water chemistry data. To learn more, visit [www.nmln.info](http://www.nmln.info).

**The NMLN spring training date is:**

**April 30, 2022 (Saturday) – 9:00 am - 11:00 am, at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 1 headquarters**

(490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell) This training is open to new and current volunteers and will include basic water quality sampling protocols as well as a hands on aquatic invasive plant and animal identification session. Please RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup> to [cynthia@whitefishlake.org](mailto:cynthia@whitefishlake.org).

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or you know someone who is, contact the Whitefish Lake Institute at 406.862.4327, or send an email to [cynthia@whitefishlake.org](mailto:cynthia@whitefishlake.org).

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