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CLMP 2009

Important Registration Information

Please Read Carefully

To collect quality data on Michigan's inland lakes, Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps-MDEQ) and Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (ML&SA) have partnered to implement the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife supports the partnership with technical assistance. When enrolling for the CLMP, please be aware of the following.

- All CLMP partners and participating volunteer samplers should be committed to a quality program, which produces quality data. Therefore, any new lake communities or volunteer samplers joining the CLMP need to commit to taking the necessary training and performing all sampling activities exactly as outlined in the provided monitoring procedures.
- Each volunteer sampler must demonstrate that they can collect consistent quality data before they can participate in the more complicated monitoring projects. **Consequently, first year lake communities and volunteer samplers may only register for the Secchi disk transparency, spring total phosphorus and summer total phosphorus monitoring projects.** After they have demonstrated a proficiency in these projects in following years they may register for chlorophyll, dissolved oxygen/temperature, aquatic plant mapping and any possible pilot projects. They must have experience in and be enrolled in the Secchi disk transparency, total phosphorus, and chlorophyll monitoring projects to register for the dissolved oxygen/temperature or aquatic plant mapping projects.
- The CLMP is open to all lake associations, corporations and individuals. Membership in ML&SA is not required to participate in the program.
- Except for Secchi disk transparency, all monitoring projects have a limited enrollment because of available equipment or laboratory capacity. **Register early to insure your lake community's participation in the monitoring projects in which you are interested.**
- To register for the 2009 CLMP, complete the enclosed APPLICATION and WAIVER forms and return to ML&SA, PO Box 303, Long Lake, MI 48743. Registration fees are due at the time of registration. You may also enroll online at www.micorps.net.
- To learn more about each of the monitoring projects see the reverse side of this page for a brief description of each monitoring project. If you would like more information about any of the monitoring projects you may contact ML&SA and request a copy of the project's Monitoring Procedure. You may also view and print each project's Monitoring Procedure at the MiCorps website (www.micorps.net).

The MiCorps partners welcome your lake community to the CLMP volunteer lake monitoring program. We are confident that participation in the program will provide your lake community with quality data for your lake management program and projects.