

## Citizen Watch: Let's keep an eye on our lake!

Meeting place: Seward Park Environmental and Audubon Center

Open, instructor-led sessions: Two Wednesdays per month from 3 to 5 PM *and/or:*  
Two Saturdays per month from 10 to 12 AM

*\*Note: this is a drop-in event; irregular attendance is OK. Contact [Trice Booth](#) for specific dates and details.*

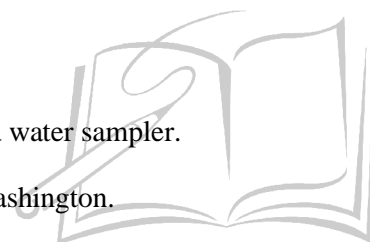
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Mission: To become informed citizens involved with the health and well-being of Lake Washington; to engage many eyes around the lake surveying its state; to signal any sign of ill-health of the lake; and to engage surrounding communities in promoting a healthy lake into the future.

Motto: Get involved with your lake.

Activities:

- Learn to use: a compound microscope, a secchi disc, a plankton net, a water sampler.
- Learn to identify living, planktonic organisms collected from Lake Washington.
- Learn about the ecology of Lake Washington.
- Learn about the annual cycle of plant growth in the lake.
- Keep careful records of observations of plankton made at each session, noting especially occurrences and concentrations of “indicator species”.
- Compare current populations with those observed in years since 1933.
- Compare results with observations of lakes in Washington State and perhaps in Europe by similar clubs.
- Establish a website for exchange of information.
- Develop a plan for monitoring chemical and physical variables and obtain the appropriate equipment.
- Enlarge the sampling base to include the whole lake, especially its embayments.
- Become teachers, informing residents along the shore about the lake.



- Create a definitive guide, using drawings and descriptions, to the plankton of the lake.
- Help to supervise individual research projects of high school students; mentor promising students.
- Join the Washington Lakes Protection Association, and attend their annual meetings.
- Prepare an annual report of results and observations.
- Organize a series of public lectures about Lake Washington.

Contact Information: E-mail [Trice Booth](#) if you are interested in getting involved with your lake!