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Ocean Literacy Kicks of its Third Year Early with a January Registration Start

Comox Valley, B.C. – Are you a young woman enrolled in secondary school in British Columbia between the age of 15 and 18 and are passionate about protecting our oceans?

In partnership with Ocean Wise, the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre and Navigate NIDES, Comox Valley Schools is excited to announce the 3rd annual Ocean Literacy and Leadership Camp (OLLC) taking place 12 to 16 July 2020.

Participant will embark on a learning journey in leadership and put their new-found skills into action with an ocean conservation project.

Due to popular demand, this course offers an early pre-registration. Act now [to join the waitlist for the 2020 Ocean Literacy and Leadership Camp](#). Regular registration will open 15 January 2020.

OLLC is a 4 credit-online course and in-person camp for young women to explore personal leadership strengths in being advocates for our ocean. In order to fully understand marine conservation, participants will delve into the *7 Ocean Literacy Principles* to help build greater understanding about the ocean’s influence on humans, and the human impact on the ocean.

“There will be opportunities to explore the wonders of the ocean and to self reflect on the personal choice’s you make in your life and how it directly effects the health of the ocean,” explained Serina Allison, District Environment and Outdoor Learning Lead Teacher. “The leadership component will have a solutions-based focus and will help prepare you for the final culminating Action Project to take back to your school and/or community.”

By the end of this course you will be able to:

- Identify your personal leadership traits and strength;
- Understand the importance of a multi-perspective approach to communicating;
- Understand the Essential Principles and Fundamental Concepts about the ocean;
- Have deeper connections to marine species and the concept of interconnectedness;
- Make informed and responsible decisions regarding the ocean and advocating for its health;
- Have tools and a plan to execute an action project.

“By collaborating with young women around the province, challenging your physical abilities, and gaining motivation through mentors in the field, you will come away feeling supported and reflect how we are part of a greater community working towards positive change,” expressed Hailey Renaud, Ocean Wise Manager of Children and Youth Programs.

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For complete details visit <https://www.tribunebayoutdoored.ca/index.php/leadership-academies/>

Watch a video of the 2019 Ocean Literacy academy on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ng1OjYh6PRE>

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