

2018 Summer Cleanups

Lancaster	May 19
Great River Day	July 21
Cornwall Harbour	July 22
Akwesasne	TBD

Cleanup Hours

9 am to 1 pm

BBQ afterwards for all registered volunteers

Volunteer Orientation -

e-mail: info@riverinstitute.ca
for details



Partners



Partners Coming Together

The Great St. Lawrence Cleanup would not be taking place without the generous support of the province of Ontario and the RBC Blue Water Fund. These partners have made this series of Cleanups possible and we thank them for their support.

We also thank the other River partners listed above who have provided goods or services to this project. Together, we are taking back the River . . . one piece at a time!

Taking Back the Great River



Great River Cleanup

Cornwall / Akwesasne



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Taking Back the River is a Team Effort

Planning for the Great River Cleanup 2018 is underway and we need your help to take back the Great St. Lawrence River.

Our beautiful River is spoiled when all sorts of debris is discarded into the water and along shorelines. This is not only harmful to our fish and wildlife, this kind of damage can pose harm to human health as well.

A group of River connected community members are "Taking Back the Great River" - reclaiming it for drinking water, fishing, swimming, and recreation.

This unique project includes cooperation from 3 nations and takes place in both Cornwall and Akwesasne.

Along with the boaters, divers, and anglers, we are seeking community members for volunteer teams that will join us to tackle 3 shoreline cleanups and document the types of litter that we find. Training is provided.

Each volunteer receives a souvenir t-shirt and refreshments. An eco-education tent will also be on hand providing information on River related environmental protection programs. Won't you help us to Take Back the Great River for today and for future generations?



A Community Event

The Great River Cleanup is a community event that involves River related organizations through the Upper St. Lawrence River Protection Network. For safety reasons, all boats involved in the River Cleanup will be coordinated through the Cornwall Lunker Club. The dive teams will be supervised by the Seaway Valley Divers.

The St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences is organizing shoreline cleanups in partnership with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.

It is helpful that all those interested in volunteering for any or all of the events contact us ahead of time by getting in touch with the following Volunteer Coordinators:

Boat Captain: **Mark Kaddie**
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(613) 363-8162 (cell)
(613) 932-0924 (home)

Dive Captain: **Ron MacDonald**
(613) 933-5134

Shoreline: **Karen Cooper (Cornwall)**
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General Info: www.riverinstitute.ca

Logistics

This series of Cleanups will take place in 3 separate locations. There will be a central registration / volunteer area where volunteers can check-in on the morning of each Cleanup and where they sign out at the end of the shift.

It is preferred that volunteers sign up ahead of time through the contacts here or through the information on the River Institute website www.riverinstitute.ca.

For safety reasons, we ask volunteers to wear closed toed shoes and long pants. We are also recommending that you bring along a brimmed hat, sun screen, and bug spray. At morning check-in each

volunteer receives a safety coloured t-shirt, (or safety vest), gloves, garbage picker, and bags, a meal ticket, and a card to record garbage. Please bring along your cell phone, if you have one, for easy access to the main volunteer tent.

General Volunteer Crew Categories:

- Shoreline Cleanup
- Waste Management (sorting)
- Food
- Education Tent Coordination
- Volunteer Booth / Registration



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