



The Student Environment Centre

Student Resource Group
University of British Columbia

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Eco-Initiatives Form \$100 to \$500

		
Club or Group Affiliation: UBC Parks Canada Club		
Amount Requested: \$329.60		
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1. Describe your project and its purpose (approximately 200 words)?

We are hosting an event on the evening of November 5th in a lecture hall in the Forestry building. We want to simply bring in some awesome speakers who can provide students with information and opportunities related to parks, conservation, and local environmental issues. We would like speakers to talk about their work and tie in a component of 'what can you do as students to get involved in this issue/organization?' (For example, volunteer opportunities, job opportunities, resources to become more informed, skills/professional development suggestions, etc.). We are hoping to have 3-4 speakers who will each speak for approximately 20 minutes; we will have one speaker from a Parks Agency, one from a non-profit organization, and one that is in research/academia.

We hosted a similar event last year that had an amazing turnout of around 200 students. Last year's event hosted three speakers who all work for national parks in BC- while it was very informative and successful, we would like to broaden this year's event to a wider scope that includes not just park agencies, but also conservation-related researchers and non-profit organizations. The speakers we have lined up are:

-Barbara Beasley (Association of Wetland Stewards for Clayoquot & Barkley Sounds)- Barbara has done extensive research on amphibians around Vancouver Island and taught courses at Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. She will be teaching at Quest this November and will therefore require travel reimbursement from Squamish.

-Nathan Cardinal or Skye Augustine- Nathan works for the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve on their Species At Risk and community engagement programs. Skye has done research on Aboriginal clam gardens and worked with Parks Canada employees to organize cooperative clam garden restoration events throughout the Gulf Islands. Both would require travel reimbursement from Sidney.

-Karen Wristen (Director of the Living Oceans Society)- Karen will not require any travel reimbursement since her office is located in Vancouver.

-Other- Our final speaker is unconfirmed but will likely be from the Parks Canada Vancouver office and will therefore not require any travel reimbursement.

2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words)?

Our club's executive members have noticed an extreme gap between the number of UBC students that are interested in conservation issues and want to become more heavily involved, and the number that actually do. We have found that students often have the desire and motivation to make a positive environmental impact, just often don't know how to do so. Therefore, the intention of this event is to bring in speakers that will share knowledge, inspire, and, even more importantly, share opportunities with students. Our goal for this event is to facilitate connections between UBC students and local organizations in a mutually beneficial manner. Ultimately, it will improve UBC students' awareness of local conservation/environmental issues and provide them with ideas of how to delve further into these issues and make a positive

impact. Funding from SEC would help us make our event as cooperative, far-reaching and sustainable as possible.

3. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what sources, and for what amount? (SEC Treasurers can help you identify other sources of funding.)

No.

4. What aspects of your project (purchases, bookings) will SEC funding be used for? Please outline the specific allocation of funds as much as possible.

Speakers' travel reimbursements:

-Barbara Beasley (Association of Wetland Stewards for Clayoquot & Barkley Sounds)

-Gas & mileage from Squamish = **\$50.00**

-Parks Canada (Nathan Cardinal or Skye Augustine)

-Gas & mileage from Sidney to Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen to UBC = \$50.00

-Ferry fee (car + one person) = **\$144.60**

Snacks & refreshments:

*Last year, the Forestry Undergraduate Society provided us with some cookies and drinks, but this year we want to make all of our food and refreshments come from local (preferably on-campus), sustainable sources. We will encourage everyone to bring their own reusable mugs, but we would like to have some paper cups (without liners so they are compostable) available for those who forget. We plan on also going to Cobs and Terra the night before to pick up some of their leftover food if they have any, but would like to have the following items confirmed so that we can for sure offer some food/refreshments and include it while advertising the event.

-Sprouts brownies = \$1/brownie (100 brownies) = **\$100.00**

-Tea bags= **\$20.00**

-Compostable cups = **\$15.00** (approximately)

TOTAL= \$329.60

Signed (Your Name):



SEC Treasurer

Name:

Signature:

SEC Chair

Name:

Signature:

A note about Eco-Initiatives Grants

If your project is approved, the SEC will reimburse you for the purchases made. You must provide the SEC with proof-of-purchase. If you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding, please contact SEC Treasurers. Arrangements can be made to provide students with funding before purchasing if they cannot afford to make the purchase for their project and then receive compensation. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days. Eco-Initiatives Grants can fund a wide variety of projects; any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, requests for funding for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body at UBC.

Completed forms should be emailed to enviro@ams.ubc.ca. Alternatively, we welcome you to drop your form off at our office, Room 245B of UBC's Student Union Building. The Treasurers and other active members of the SEC would love to help you formulate your project, and will be glad to assist with the project's development and applications for funding.
