



# Rivershed Society of British Columbia

## 2008 Sustainable Living Leadership Program

### APPLICATION GUIDE

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*“To create an enduring society, we need a system of commerce and production where each and every act is inherently sustainable and restorative.”*  
Paul Hawken

The **Sustainable Living Leadership Program (SLLP)** educates emerging community leaders about salmon, stewardship and sustainable living. This intense three-week outdoor education program combines theory with experiential learning. Participants travel by raft, canoe, van and on foot on their 1,200 km journey down the Fraser River.

#### Program Dates

August 1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008

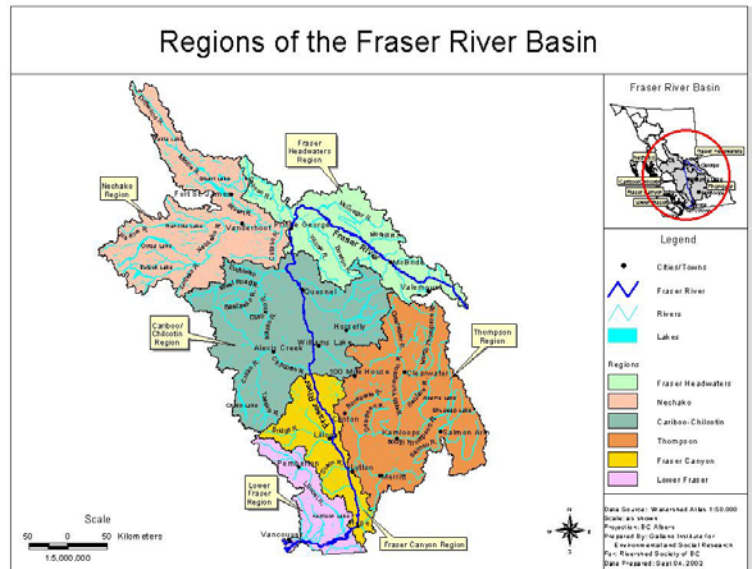
**Up to 12 participants will be accepted**

#### Themes:

- Salmon
- Stewardship
- Sustainability

#### Topics:

Fraser River	Sustainability
Watershed Ecology	Simplicity
Salmon	Bioregionalism
Leadership Skills	Deep Ecology
Critical Thinking	Sustainable Fisheries
Resource Use	Community Stewardship
Eco-Economy	Trip Assignment



Additionally, the program includes interaction with the RSBC's network of Fraser River Basin Community leaders.

#### About the RSBC

The Rivershed Society of British Columbia (RSBC), a non-profit charitable organization, formed in 1996, in the wake of Fin Donnelly's 1,400 km Fraser River swim. In 2001, we launched our Healthy Riversheds Strategy, a ten-year initiative focused on bringing "rivershed sustainability" to the communities of the Fraser River Basin, the greatest salmon system on Earth. Using ecological carrying capacity as a guiding principle, we deliver education and leadership programs, build stewardship capacity, foster critical thinking and encourage sustainable solutions in B.C.'s riversheds.

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### **Application Guidelines**

This program involves a 1,200 km, 3-week trip by raft, canoe, van and on foot down the Fraser River. You must be physically fit and able to work in a team setting, including helping with meal preparation, camp set up and other general duties. You will camp each night in a different location along the Fraser. You will eat mainly vegetarian, and where possible, locally grown food. You are responsible for getting yourself to the start point and from the end site. **Preference will be given to those who volunteer in their community.**

1. Complete and return the **registration form**, by the deadline, along with:
2. Your **cover letter** (stating why you wish to participate in this program).
3. Your **resume** (include 2 references).
4. Your **essay** (Maximum 750 words).
5. Your **cheque** payable to the RSBC.



**Application Deadline** June 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 (*Extended*)

### **Essay Question** (*maximum 750 words*)

Explain how you would implement a sustainability or river education activity/program in your community.

### **Program Cost**

The cost of this program is \$6,000 per participant. **Scholarships** (valued at \$5,000 each) are available from the RSBC. Please contact us to see if you qualify. *You must contact the RSBC office to determine if you qualify for the scholarship **BEFORE** mailing in your application package and cheque.* You are encouraged to seek financial assistance from your community (e.g. local stewardship group, Rotary or Service Club, Band Council, Business Association, etc.) toward your tuition.

### **Program Rules**

In keeping with a lighter footprint, meals are (where possible) local, organic and vegetarian. We practice no trace camping. Drugs, alcohol and smoking are not permitted.

### **About the Facilitators**

**Fin Donnelly's** passion for the environment stemmed from his University of Victoria philosophy studies. He has advocated sustainable living for more than a decade. Fin is the Executive Director of the Rivershed Society of British Columbia.

**Doug Radies** worked full time on parks and wilderness and B.C. land use issues for 13 years. In 1990, he spearheaded the campaign to protect the Cariboo Mountains, and in 1995, co-founded the Quesnel River Watershed Alliance, a Cariboo-based grass-roots conservation group working to protect and maintain the overall health of the Quesnel Rivershed, the most productive sockeye salmon producing tributary of the Fraser River. Doug has a degree in Education from the University of British Columbia.