

WaterWise challenge launches awareness week

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Okanagan residents can share their stories about water in the valley.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board and Okanagan WaterWise have organized a number of fun events during Canada Water Week, which runs until Sunday.

"Canada Water Week and UN World Water Day Friday are an opportunity to celebrate water and reflect on its importance: to our communities, to our economy, to the environment, and to life itself," said Anna Warwick Sears, OBWB executive director.

The first event kicks off with the launch of the third annual Okanagan WaterWise Challenge.

"School classes and individuals throughout the Okanagan, from kindergarten to Grade 12, are invited to submit multi-media entries, telling us how they love their water body," said Corinne Jackson, WaterWise program co-ordinator.

"We want them to share a special experience around Okanagan water and the importance of conserving and protecting it."

The prizes include a pizza party and passes to Okanagan pools for two winning classes and two individual entry winners.

And, a special option this year for winning classes is a two-hour boat charter on Okanagan Lake.

For contest details visit www.okwaterwise.ca. The contest ends May 3.

And on Friday, Chris Walker, with CBC Radio, will moderate a public forum on water at Summerhill Pyramid Winery in Kelowna.

The event runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will begin with Walker inviting panelists to share their stories about the water they love and the work they are doing to protect it.

The panel includes Maria Besso, with the Society for the Protection of Kalamalka Lake, and Rick Simpson, with the Oceola Fish and Game Club in Lake Country.

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