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Kids Water Day challenge

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Friday is World Water Day, and the Okanagan Basin Water Board is celebrating by launching its 7th annual youth challenge inviting young people to be climate heroes.

The City of Penticton, City of Kelowna and the City of Vernon are all partners with the water board's challenge, which aims to promote various activities for kids both in and out of classrooms to teach them about climate change and how they can have a positive effect on the environment.

"We are all witnessing and living the effects of climate change, right here in our own valley," noted OBWB Communications Director Corinne Jackson.

"Young people are increasingly aware of the extreme weather events we are experiencing, from historic flooding that threaten homes and close beaches, to repeated droughts that require conservation to ensure enough water for food production and returning salmon."

The "Be a Climate Hero" theme was inspired by the documentary "Beyond Climate," which features several Okanagan residents and examines how climate change can be turned around in the Okanagan Valley.

This year's challenge invites local classrooms and youth five to 18 years old to participate in challenges like the popular #TrashTag movement to clean wetlands, creeks and beaches. Contest entry involves a multimedia submission that demonstrates their involvement and encourages others to join.

Participants will be entered to win prizes including, for class entries, a two-hour boat charter on Okanagan Lake. Entries are due April 30, and full details can be found [here](#).

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