

Welcome to SCB!

What is SCB?

- Society for Conservation Biology – Kingston Chapter
- International organization made up of professionals, academics, students, and general community members
- Aims to promote the scientific study of the phenomena that affect the maintenance, loss, and restoration of biological diversity
- How are we different from Conservation Queen's?
 - Focus on local issues (and occasionally national issues)
 - Aim to look at things from a scientific perspective
 - Hold seminars
 - Include a weekly creature spotlight (“Creature Feature”) and issue spotlight
 - Try to include scientific papers in our weekly studies and approaches to conservation
 - Use scientific knowledge when advising organizations about policy
 - You do NOT have to be in a science program to be a part of our organization!

Who Are We?

- Co-Presidents: Brigitte Simmatis & Hillary Quinn-Austin
- Vice President: Kristen Siegel

How This Works

- We have hour-long weekly meetings from **2:30-3:30**
- The club is divided up into three committees...
 - Education Committee
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Sustainability/Issues Committee
- Each committee organizes events independently and reports back to the group at our general meetings
- Meetings start with general discussion; second half is committee-specific
- First half: Creature Feature, committee updates, etc.
- You will be asked to join a committee towards the end of this meeting

Our Three Committees!

Education Committee

- Our committee teaches young children about conservation biology in fun and interactive ways!
- We go into local classrooms and present information to students to get them interested in science

- Schoolyard Naturalization
- Fish and Frogs Forever

Fundraising Committee

- Plan and organize fun and interactive events for all members of SCB to build connections between fellow volunteers
- Organize the Annual SCB Photo Contest
- Advertise for events run by other committees (ex. Fundraisers, park cleanups, photo contest, etc.)
- May involve...
 - Poster making
 - Managing Facebook events
 - Posting on our *NEW* Twitter and Instagram accounts
 - (Occasionally) making class announcements/slides to put in front of classes
- What is the photo contest?
 - Everyone is welcome to enter their photos
 - Showcase happens in the atrium of the Biosciences Complex
 - Will have judges, winners, and prizes!
 - When does it take place?
 - Mid-March
 - Will last for a full week
 - What would we be doing?
 - Collect donations from stores (through e-mail, going door-to-door, etc.)
 - Making promotional materials (alongside Advertising Committee members)
 - Setting up the photos in the Biosciences Atrium and doing take-down once the contest is complete

Sustainability/Issues Committee

- Work alongside Issues in an attempt to make Queen's, Kingston, and Ontario a more environmentally sustainable community
- Try to plan actions that address the IUCN's five threats to biodiversity:
 - Habitat loss and fragmentation
 - Invasive species
 - Pollution and disease
 - Overexploitation
 - Climate change
- We are in charge of...
 - The native plant garden in front of the Biosciences Complex
 - Providing native plants for schoolyard naturalization projects
 - Bringing in guests to speak to the community about conservation
 - Leading campaigns to promote sustainability in community.

- Aim to educate the Kingston community about conservation issues (local, national, global) and to directly contribute to conservation efforts
- Help to develop environmentally sound policy about pressing wildlife issues using petitions
- Previous initiatives include...
 - Microbead trade-in program
 - Blanding's turtle bake sale
- Choosing a Committee
 - We will now be dividing up into committees
 - You will have the option to switch committees, but we ask that you inform the executive before you do
 - Look for the signs!
- Facebook!
- Next Meeting
 - Official members need to pay a \$5 membership fee
 - Voting privilege
 - Priority for field trips and lesson outreach
 - Volunteers for treasurer and secretary: please contact Exec!
 - Selling t-shirts weeks 4 and 5 (\$12 ea)
- Break into committees!
 - Committee sign-up sheets available with co-chairs.