

Information from Lacawac Sanctuary on Lake Quality and Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB)s

Below is information from a workshop on algae bloom held at Lacawac Sanctuary in early August, including a link for the PLEON (Pocono Lake Ecological Observatory Network), a lake monitoring program focused on educating the public on water quality and lake management: <https://www.lacawac.org/pleon.html>. On this website is information on lake monitoring, citizen science and workshops.

Here is a link to one of the slides from the workshop related to harmful algae blooms (HABS) and people to contact: <https://www.lacawac.org/harmful-algal-blooms.html>

Dr. Beth Norman from Lacawac is available to do water quality testing and programs to raise awareness of the steps to take in order to help prevent algae blooms. She also suggested that people contact Nick Spinelli from the Lake Watershed Association to encourage them to take steps to prevent the algae bloom. Below is an excerpt from the website:

PA DEP 2109 HAB Survey

PLEON is working with the PA DEP to survey potential harmful algal blooms in the Poconos

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is currently sampling as many potentially harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the state as they can. PLEON is helping with this sampling effort for the Pocono region. If you see a HAB, what you think might be a HAB, or just want to know if you have potentially toxigenic algae in your lake, please contact Beth Norman at beth.norman@lacawac.org to discuss participating in the survey. **Note that you must own land on the water body to participate!**