



DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

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When we get back from our walk in the mornings, there are dew drops covering my dog's nose. She sniffs constantly, snoot to the grass leaving a trail as we go. I read once that forcing a dog to walk without sniffing is like forcing a human to walk looking only through a paper towel roll – what we take in peripherally is what gives us a full sense of where we are. I wonder how much of the world my dog sees through her nose; I imagine she can access a layer as rich as the reds, yellows, greens and blues I see on the trail. Also, it's nice not to be in a hurry so I let her collect her dew drops.

GENERAL UPDATES

Welcome to **Katie Schulze**, who started her placement with **Riparia** last week! Working virtually from Alberta, Katie will join a high-power team at Riparia to help develop programming for the coming year supporting women in science. Hello from the DA team! Check out the [Maps](#) to learn more about this placement.

The next Ocean Awards Lecture will be taking place this **Thursday, October 22nd** @ 1pm (Pacific). Dr. Tom Dakin was awarded the Conservation Technology Award and will talk about the Underwater Soundscape of British Columbia.

Also coming up – SHARKTOBER! Dive in (for free) with legendary diver and ocean conservationist Dr. Sylvia Earle, Liz Taylor and shark experts on **Thursday, October 22nd** @ 3pm (Pacific). What's cooler than listening to a show about sharks? Getting to ask Sylvia Earle all your questions about sharks. This episode focuses on the magic of underwater photography with Michael Aw and Alex Rose.

ACTIVITIES

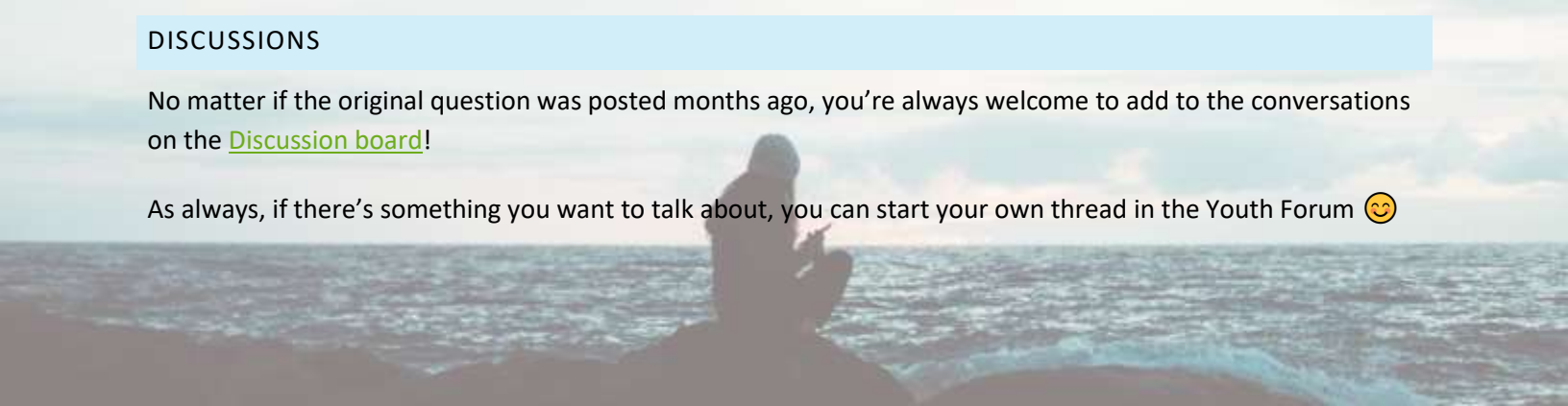
Ready for next Friday, October 30th? Send in a photo that you feel best represents your experience with Direct Action so far. Haven't started your placement yet? That's fine! What inspired you to join the program?

We love reading your [Blogs](#) and seeing your photos in the [Gallery](#). Take a minute to share what you're up to! In a virtual world, these give us a glimpse into your world and how you do your #oceandirectaction.

DISCUSSIONS

No matter if the original question was posted months ago, you're always welcome to add to the conversations on the [Discussion board](#)!

As always, if there's something you want to talk about, you can start your own thread in the Youth Forum 😊





SPINY SAYS...

Lessons from the Lumpsucker.



Ever wondered how many plants on your street, or even in your yard, are edible? Find out! Take a 30-minute survey and hit up the Google. Now you know.

WEEKLY FUN FACT

There is a name for the smell after it rains, like damp earth that is very much alive: *petrichor*. The word comes from Greek *petra*/*petros* meaning rock or stone, and *īchōr*, the fluid that flows in the veins of the gods in Greek mythology.

Whoa, way to make a little stone feel like Mount Olympus!



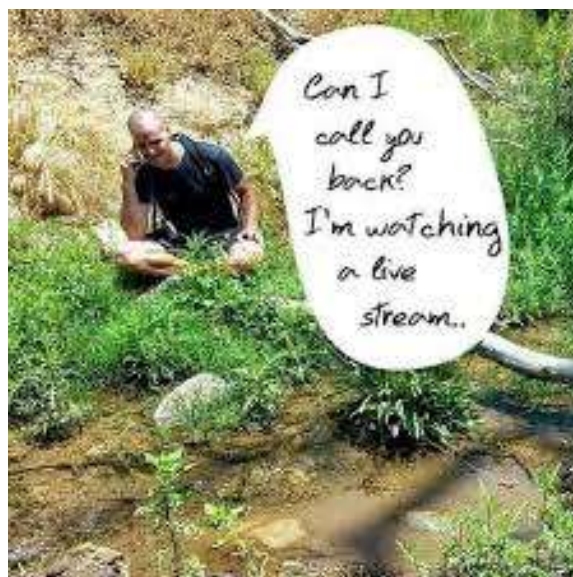
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Hiking – I don't like either the word or the thing. People ought to saunter in the mountains - not hike! Do you know the origin of that word *saunter*? It's a beautiful word. Away back in the Middle Ages people used to go on pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and when people in the villages through which they passed asked where they were going they would reply, 'A la sainte terre', 'To the Holy Land.' And so they became known as sainte-terre-ers or saunterers. Now these mountains are our Holy Land, and we ought to saunter through them reverently, not 'hike' through them."

- JOHN MUIR



LAUGH OF THE WEEK



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Have an amazing week!