

Hello OB Team!

We've got an exciting, all-encompassing update for you this week.

The action items include:

1. **Check your [flight details](#) and confirm dates.** This week, you will receive flight options to Haida Gwaii from our travel agent. As soon as you reply the flights will be booked and cannot be changed.
2. **Join our National Call next week.** Micah Messent will be delivering two sessions on Indigenous Cultural Understanding. We will send a WebEx link for these times:
 - Monday, April 23rd at 3pm-4:15pm PST.
 - Tuesday, April 24th from 1pm-2:15pm PST.
3. **Read the attached Ocean Health Service Update** (from start to finish!). This important PDF outlines our next steps:
 - Complete this [survey by this Thursday, April 19th](#) to determine your involvement in project planning.
4. **Complete the [Doodle poll](#) for an optional (but very helpful!) site orientation with Nicole.** She will share tips to navigating the community space.

Updates to note:

- **Guest blogging and video diaries:** Our Communications Coordinator Ashley Street is excited to feature your work. Please see the attached document to share your involvement creatively.
- **National Call:** In the first week of May, a Haida Elder Barbara Wilson will be joining us.
- **Haida Gwaii Outreach Plan:** Please let us know before cold calling any further folks in Haida Gwaii – we need to make sure that the group hasn't already been in touch with them and that they are happy to be contacted.
- **Revised Schedule:** Please see the updated expedition schedule with further confirmed details.

Updates to the community space:

1. Turned the calendar into two different calendars: [Tasks](#) and [Events](#)
"Tasks" is where the facilitation team will post National Calls, timeline for action items, and anything other "deadlines" for Ocean Bridge team members.
"Events" is where we will post Ocean related events, workshops, conferences happening across the country (and beyond) as well as any public ocean service activities led by Ocean Bridge team members. Unfortunately only facilitators can add to the calendar, so if you have something to add just send us a link or description!
2. We have added three new discussion threads: (1) [Recommended Reading List](#) (for those of you that are interested); (2) [Meaningful Service or Voluntourism?](#) (we would love to see discussion among the group both for your learning and to advise Ocean Bridge's program development); and (3) [Connecting Land-locked Communities to Oceans](#) you land-locked folks pondering this.
3. We created an [Ocean Service Map](#)
This is for us to keep track (and show off) all your great Ocean Service projects across the country. We ask that for each event or service project you:
 1. Post a pin showing where the activity took place
 2. Provide information on how many hours you contributed (including planning) for that activity, how many other people (there are three age categories, provide your best

guess) participated and the estimated hours they contributed (i.e. if you had 5 peers help out for one hour, then the contribution would be 5hrs).

3. Provide a brief description of the activity
4. If possible include a photo :)

Thanks for reading our big update! We are thrilled to be jumping into project planning and flight confirmations.

Have a great week,

P.S. Pour nos participants francophone, les versions françaises sont à venir, incluant ce courriel!

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