

## Volunteers needed for Higgins Lake Swimmers Itch Study

As we strive to maintain our success in managing swimmers itch, we need your support. Your contribution can make a significant difference in our efforts to understand and mitigate swimmers itch. Over the past year, we conducted the Higgins Lake Water Exposure Study, engaging individuals who spend time in the water at Higgins Lake. These valuable insights have allowed us to track swimmers itch outbreaks and plot their locations. Understanding the affected areas helps us identify the causes and work towards effective solutions. Now, we're seeking additional volunteers to expand our knowledge and gather more data.

Here's how you can contribute:

1. **Share Your Experience:** After your time in the water, we kindly request that you fill out a short online survey. We need feedback about whether you experienced swimmers itch or did not. The survey is quick and easy (under two minutes), and anyone using the lake can participate. Ideally, we encourage you to complete the online survey after each visit or whenever your friends and family spend more than a few minutes in the water. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will contribute to our data. If you'd like to volunteer, please send an email to [higginsswimmersitch@gmail.com](mailto:higginsswimmersitch@gmail.com).
2. **Learn More:** For further information on our initiatives regarding swimmers itch, including results from last year's Higgins Lake Water Exposure Study, please visit our website at [www.HLSIO.org](http://www.HLSIO.org). There, you can gain a comprehensive understanding of our work and the steps we're taking to address this issue. Knowledge empowers us to make informed decisions and drive positive change.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who participated in last year's study. We're also eager to accumulate as much data as possible, and your involvement is crucial in achieving that goal. Together, we can continue to enjoy Higgins Lake while minimizing the impact of swimmers itch.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [higginsswimmersitch@gmail.com](mailto:higginsswimmersitch@gmail.com). We're here to assist you and provide any additional details you may need.

Thank you for your willingness to help enhance our lake and preserve its natural splendor. Your contribution as a volunteer is invaluable, and we appreciate your efforts in creating a healthier environment for all.

The Higgins Lake Swimmers Itch Organization