

Bolivian-Canadian Clean Water Network



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CARNAVAL DEL SOL 2012 - WET BUT WONDERFUL!

We were visited by an unfortunate amount of rain at this year's Carnaval Del Sol. Spirits remained high, however, and many new friends and supporters were made thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteer team! Special thanks to Marcela and Gabriela who worked so hard to organize the booth, and to Trees Organic for providing us with fabulous free trade Bolivian Coffee.

Below: Curtis setting up the booth. Luckily we were under a tent!



Above: beautiful photos on display at the booth
Right: Volunteers preparing for the rush



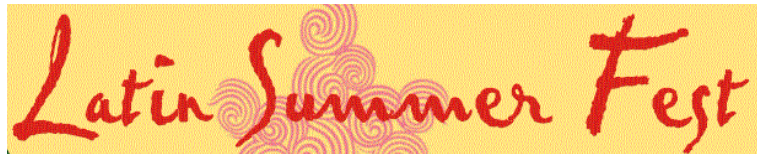
ABOUT BCCWN

BCC Water Network is a volunteer-run not for profit organization that partners with Bolivian organizations Jaraña and COBAGUAL to help provide safe drinking water and sanitation to rural Bolivians. Visit our website to learn more: <http://bccwater.weebly.com/>



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Make sure to mark these exciting events in your calendar!



August 19th at Trout Lake - Latin Summer Fest

This day-long festival is sure to be a fabulous time. Latin American music all day as well as delicious food and refreshments. Free admission! Find the BCCWN booth and come say hello.



August 31- September 9 - Vancouver Latin American Film Fest

It's the VLAFF 10 year anniversary! Celebrate and show your Latin American solidarity by going to see one of the undoubtedly exceptional Latin American films. Tickets on sale August 17th, visit the VLAFF website for details.



October 12th and 13th - BCCWN/Trees Organic Fundraiser

Come by Trees Organic on Richards for the BCCWN Fundraiser. Details soon to be announced on our website.

Can't come out and show your support at one of these events? We accept donations online via Pay Pal. Simply visit our website:

<http://bccwater.weebly.com/>

We are also always looking for new volunteers that are passionate about water and the welfare of Bolivians. Visit the "how to help" section on our website to learn more.

BCCWN VOLUNTEER UPDATES AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS: FIELD WORK IN BOLIVIA

PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

Co-founder Trevor Hirsch has been in Bolivia since mid-June with the aim of providing support to COBAGUAL, one of our partner organizations, on a pilot project focused on improving food security in Guarayos, located in Bolivia's Amazon basin. This initiative is three-pronged: it will be focused on drilling shallow wells for irrigation and drinking, supporting the implementation of household and community gardens, and improving access to sanitation for communities. Trevor and Felipe, COBAGUAL's program director, are working with the community to ascertain their needs and strengths before detailing a comprehensive plan to ensure the sustainability of the project.

Trevor and Felipe had the opportunity to meet with various people from Jaraña, our other partner organization, to discuss further collaboration. They were also able to visit some of Jaraña's projects in Oruro and Cochabamba, both initiatives supported by the BCCWN.

Most recently, Trevor and Felipe spent several days with Agua Yaku, an NGO based in Santa Cruz's Gran Chaco region, learning an inexpensive method

for drilling water wells.

Back in Guarayos, Trevor and Felipe are beginning to plan an approach for the implementation of the project in the town of Ascención with the participation of the community.

Follow the project on Trevor's blog:



Volunteer Updates

Rodolfo Silva is back from spending time in the field in Bolivia. Welcome back, Rodolfo!

We are also pleased to announce that Monika Pawlak and Shima Hashemian are both preparing to leave for Bolivia to do some field work for BCCWN's projects. Bon voyage, Monica and Shima!

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