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Onondaga Lake Partnership to hold Educators' Roundtable

Syracuse, N.Y. - The Onondaga Lake Partnership will sponsor a special day long roundtable on Onondaga Lake for local teachers on Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Marshall Hall Lounge at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse.

Joining the Partnership in sponsoring the event are SUNY ESF and the Central Section of the Science Teachers' Association of New York State. All interested educators are invited to attend this program, which is designed to provide information to teachers on educational materials on Onondaga Lake and lake issues that are available for their use in the classroom. Also teachers will hear the latest information on the Partnership's lake restoration activities and progress to date. According to event chair, Dr. Rick Beal of SUNY ESF, the event is free to all interested teachers and participants will earn 6 hours of professional development certification.

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Featured speakers on the program will include Dr. Dudley Raynal, Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies at ESF who will speak at the luncheon on the role of Research and Education and Dr. William Kappel of the US Geological Survey who will open the program with a description of the Partnership's projects and activities.

Presentations will also be given by Heidi Busa, a teacher from Marcellus High School and Bill Legg, Director Project Watershed. Busa and Legg will describe the programs they have developed with grant funding assistance from the Partnership. Ms. Busa developed a series of lessons on lake issues which correlate to State Standards for Math, Science and Social Studies and Mr. Legg leads a program which enlists and involves students in monitoring the water quality of tributaries to the Lake.

In addition, Sue Miller from the County's Lake Improvement Project Office will describe educational materials available through the Partnership which were designed for classroom use on the topic of reducing urban nonpoint source pollution.

Under this program, thousands of classroom posters, student activity books and teacher's guides have been distributed throughout the City School District and to other schools in the lake's watershed.

For more information on the Educators' Roundtable and to register for the program, interested teachers may call 315-470-6817 or go to www.esf.edu/outreach.

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