



# News Release

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## **Local students test water quality in our watershed**

Syracuse, N.Y. - The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) is sponsoring its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Water Quality Monitoring Days on September 30 and October 1, 2004. Teachers and students from six area schools will participate in hands on water quality testing at Onondaga Creek and Webster Pond. The event is one of many scheduled nationally in recognition of World Water Monitoring Day.

Representatives of the OLP, Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp., Upstate Freshwater Institute, the U.S. Geological Survey and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will instruct students on site with water quality testing and the importance of learning about water quality issues. Students will test water parameters such as dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity and temperature.

The event is an extension of World Water Monitoring Day, coordinated by America's Clean Water Foundation, the International Water Association and other global partners, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, all members of the OLP. This annual event invites students to share in the water quality monitoring experience and serves as an educational platform to promote understanding about how the actions of individuals in a watershed can impact many others.

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