



ONONDAGA LAKE DAY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Project Description: Each year for the past four years, the Outreach Committee of the Onondaga Lake Partnership has sponsored a public outreach event called Onondaga Lake Day. The purpose of the day-long event is to help interest and inform the public about the programs and activities taking place through the Partnership to help improve the environment of Onondaga Lake and its surroundings. Billed as "Free Family Fun," the day's events include hands-on activities for children and adults and a variety of displays by various agencies and groups involved in lake improvement programs and projects.



This year's event, the 5th Annual Onondaga Lake Day, will be held in Onondaga Lake Park near the Griffin Visitors' Center on the shore of the lake on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This year's program with the theme, "The lake's getting better...see how You can help!" will feature popular attractions from the past including Dr. WOW, who performs hands on science experiments related to water for young and old alike, a tank holding a variety of fish taken from the lake by Lake Monitoring personnel, free rental of the bicycle built for 4-5 for short spins around the park with your family, photos with Ronny Raindrop for the kids, narrated trams rides on the lake's history and a fishing clinic for youngsters ages 15 years and younger to learn casting and catch and release techniques. New this year will be live critters brought to the event by staff from the Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, opportunity for a 1/2

hour narrated boat ride, free tree seedlings for families to plant in the watershed, and speakers in our outdoor classroom on topics like the geology of the lake, efforts to bring back bluebirds and wood ducks, and proper tree planting and management.

Hundreds of people of all ages have attended this event in the past and we're pleased to report that attendance has grown each year.



Location: Onondaga Lake Park on the lake side of the Griffin Visitors' Center. Go to the information tent for full schedule of the events.

Project Sponsor: Onondaga County serves as the non-Federal sponsor of this Onondaga Lake Partnership project, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency serves as the Federal sponsor.

Current Status: The Fifth Annual event will be coming up on Saturday, June 3rd, 2006 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.