Tentative Site Sampling Schedule
2017-2018

A tentative schedule of sampling weeks is listed below. These are weeks to strive for, but we realize that it’s probably optimistic to think that everyone will be able to be in sync with this schedule. Our minimal goal is to obtain 1 sample approximately every 3 weeks for each site, with some weeks omitted in the winter months when the waterway freezes.

Week of Monday     August 28, September 4 or 11 or 18 = Invite Creek Connections staff to give Interactive Introduction to Creek Connections. Have your students complete the BEFORE survey.

Week of Monday     September 4 or 11 or 18 or 25 (whenever is best to begin for you) - SAMPLE

SPECIAL EVENTS  September 9 French Creek Valley Conservancy French Creek Cleanup
Register on-line at http://frenchcreekconservancy.org/french-creek-cleanup.aspx
$1000 in prizes to schools with most participants - now broken into $250 for elementary, middle, high and college/university. Other cash prizes for trash collected and most unusual item.

SPECIAL EVENT  September 16 = ALCOSAN Open House. http://www.alcosan.org/

Week of Monday     September 25 - SAMPLE

Week of Monday     October 18 - SAMPLE
Make sure research projects are in progress and field work is being completed.

Week of Monday     November 13 - SAMPLE

Week of Monday     December 11 - SAMPLE (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)

Week of Monday     January 15 - SAMPLE (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)

Week of Monday     February 12 - SAMPLE (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)

DEADLINE  March 1 - Deadline to submit equipment orders to Wendy

RESEARCH EVENT  Make sure students prepare displays / presentations for Symposium

Week of Monday     March 12 - SAMPLE (or sample the last time after the Symposium)
**SPECIAL EVENT**

March 22 = World Water Monitoring Day - *ALL SCHOOLS' samplings between March 22 and December 31 will be recorded by Creek Connections and reported to WWMD to celebrate this worldwide event!*

**SPECIAL EVENT**

Friday, **April 6** - Student Research Symposium at Allegheny Colelge;
Friday, **April 20** - Student Research Symposium at YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee

**ADDITIONAL**

April, May - Have students do peer education and/or community presentations
KEEP SAMPLING IF YOU LIKE
Have students complete the AFTER survey.

**DEADLINE**

May 1 - Deadline to spend money, submit equipment receipts / invoices for reimbursement, no more spending money on supplies and equipment.
(Bussing and substitute invoices will continue to be accepted)

**DEADLINE**

Late June - Submit End of the Year Project Evaluations

Creek Camp in June/July for current 9th, 10th, 11th graders. Check website for dates and details.

You may elect to continue sampling in the spring through the remainder of the school year. If you do, we can still help, and please continue to send in the data.

As soon as possible, please try to set a regular date and time of day you will be conducting field samples. This will give us the best opportunity to locate Allegheny College Project Assistants that can assist you. The more notice you give us for when you are going out sampling, the better chance we have of supplying Allegheny assistants.

**IF YOU NEED ALLEGHENY ASSISTANCE, TRY TO AVOID THESE DATES:**
- October 9 & 10 (Allegheny Fall Break - no student assistants available)
- December 14-19 (Finals and end of Allegheny semester - only Wendy & Laura available)
- December 14-January 16 (Allegheny students on winter break—only Wendy & Laura available)
- March 19-23 (Allegheny Spring Break - no student assistants available)
- May 3-8 (Allegheny finals and end of semester -only Wendy & Laura available.)
- May 14 - Summer Student Staff may begin to work, otherwise only Wendy & Laura