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 27, September 3 or 10 or 17 = Invite Creek Connections staff to give Interactive Introduction to Creek Connections. Have your students complete the BEFORE survey.

**Week of Monday**

September 3 or 10 or 17 or 24 (whenever is best to begin for you) - **SAMPLE**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

September 8 French Creek Valley Conservancy French Creek Cleanup  
$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**


**Week of Monday**

September 24 - **SAMPLE**

**Week of Monday**

October 15 - **SAMPLE**  
Make sure research projects are in progress and field work is being completed.

**Week of Monday**

November 12 - **SAMPLE**

**Week of Monday**

December 10 - **SAMPLE** (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)

**Week of Monday**

January 14 - **SAMPLE** (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)

**Week of Monday**

February 11 - **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 11 - **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 5 - Student Research Symposium at Allegheny College; Friday, April 12 - 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 8 & 9 (Allegheny Fall Break - no student assistants available)
- December 13-18 (Finals and end of Allegheny semester - only Wendy & Laura available)
- December 13-January 13 (Allegheny students on winter break—only Wendy & Laura available)
- March 16-24 (Allegheny Spring Break - no student assistants available)
- May 2-7 (Allegheny finals and end of semester -only Wendy & Laura available.)
- May 13 - Summer Student Staff may begin to work, otherwise only Wendy & Laura