



## **Tentative Site Sampling Schedule 2019-2020**

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 26, September 2 or 9 or 16 = Invite Creek Connections staff to give Interactive Introduction to Creek Connections. Have your students complete the BEFORE survey.
Week of Monday	September 2 or 9 or 18 or 23 (whenever is best to begin for you) – SAMPLE
SPECIAL EVENTS	September 7 French Creek Valley Conservancy French Creek Cleanup Register on-line at <a href="http://frenchcreekconservancy.org/french-creek-cleanup.aspx">http://frenchcreekconservancy.org/french-creek-cleanup.aspx</a> \$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 21 = ALCOSAN Open House. <a href="http://www.alcosan.org/">http://www.alcosan.org/</a>
Week of Monday	September 23– SAMPLE
Week of Monday	October 16 – SAMPLE Make sure research projects are in progress and field work is being completed.
Week of Monday	November 11 – SAMPLE
Week of Monday	December 9– SAMPLE (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)
Week of Monday	January 13– SAMPLE (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)
Week of Monday	February 10 – 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 9 – 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 3** – Student Research Symposium at YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee;

Friday, **April 17** – Student Research Symposium at Allegheny College

ADDITIONAL

April, May – Have students do peer education and/or community presentations

KEEP SAMPLING IF YOU LIKE

**Have students complete the AFTER evaluation.**

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 until June 15)

DEADLINE

Late June – Submit End of the Teacher Year Project Evaluations

Creek Camp in July for current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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 assistants.

IF YOU NEED ALLEGHENY ASSISTANCE, TRY TO AVOID THESE DATES:

- October 14 & 15 (Allegheny Fall Break – no student assistants available)
- December 11-17 (Finals and end of Allegheny semester – only Wendy & Laura available)
- December 18-January 12 (Allegheny students on winter break—only Wendy & Laura available)
- March 16-20 (Allegheny Spring Break - no student assistants available)
- April 29- May 5 (Allegheny finals and end of semester -only Wendy & Laura available.)
- May 11 – Summer Student Staff may begin to work, otherwise only Wendy & Laura