



Tentative Site Sampling Schedule 2022-2023

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 29, September 5 or 12 or 19 = Invite Creek Connections staff to give Interactive Introduction to Creek Connections. Have your students complete the BEFORE survey.
Week of Monday	September 5 or 12 or 19 or 26 (whenever is best to begin for you) – SAMPLE
SPECIAL EVENTS	September 10 French Creek Valley Conservancy French Creek Cleanup Register on-line at https://www.frenchcreekconservancy.org/french-creek-cleanup/ LOTS of prizes! Prizes specific to schools!
SPECIAL EVENT	September 17 = ALCOSAN Open House. http://www.alcosan.org/
Week of Monday	September 26– SAMPLE
Week of Monday	October 17 – SAMPLE Make sure research projects are in progress and field work is being completed.
Week of Monday	November 14 – SAMPLE
Week of Monday	December 5– SAMPLE (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)
Week of Monday	January 16– SAMPLE (can do testing in the classroom if weather is poor)
Week of Monday	February 13 – 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 – Creek Connections staff can give symposium prep presentation and help brainstorm project ideas.
SPECIAL EVENT	March 13-14 Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators (PAEE) Conference at Camp Hebron
Week of Monday	March 13 – SAMPLE (or sample the last time after the Symposium)
SPECIAL EVENT	March 22 = World Water Monitoring Day – <i><u>ALL SCHOOLS'</u> samplings between March 22 and December 31 will be recorded by Creek Connections and reported to WWMD to celebrate this worldwide event!</i>
SPECIAL EVENT	Friday, April 21 – Student Research Symposium at Allegheny College TBD – Pittsburgh location
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

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.