

Date: July 30, 2009

To: Mill Creek Watershed Teachers

From: Lora Alberto, Environmental Education Director

**Re: 2009-2010 Mill Creek Restoration Project
Environmental Educational Program**

Enclosed is information on Mill Creek Restoration Project's 2009-2010 Environmental Education Program. If you would like to participate in this year's program, please complete the first section of the enclosed schedule worksheet and return by **Thursday, August 31, 2007** (by mail - 1617 Elmore Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223, email: lora@millcreekrestoration.org or fax: 731-8404). **If you are able to select dates at this time, please complete the entire form.** (All fall dates need to be scheduled by **September 21** and all spring dates need to be scheduled by **December 10.**) Once your dates are scheduled, I will assign volunteers to your school and send you a confirmation. **Please send your dates promptly to ensure volunteer support.** If you have any questions or schedule conflicts, please call me at 731-8400 or 708-2249. (You do not have to participate in every activity.)

Instructions for the enclosed worksheet:

1. Please schedule one classroom presentation for your students, list a first and second choice of dates and times. If you have more than one class participating, list a first and second choice for each class only if they cannot be combined. **(Presentations must be scheduled prior to your first field trip.)**
2. Choose *up to* three water monitoring field trip dates for the fall semester. (The water monitoring dates are on Wednesday or Thursday so that you will be in school to conduct the BOD5 test and read the fecal coliform results. Wednesday field trips will conduct the BOD test on the following Monday and Thursday field trips will conduct the BOD test on the following Tuesday. The fecal coliform test can be read in 24 hours if it is kept in a very warm environment otherwise it can be read in 48 hours at normal room temperature. If you take your field trip on Wednesday, you will be able to read your results on Thursday or Friday. If you take your field trip on Thursday, you will want to incubate your samples to be able to read them on Friday.)
3. Choose *up to* three water monitoring field trip dates for the spring semester.
4. Please list a first and second choice but choose **only one** community service activity for either fall or spring, not for both.
5. Please note all possible dates for the student congress year-end event in May.

Please call with questions or concerns. Most event dates are flexible. I'm looking forward to working with you and your students!

**2009-2010 MCRP Environmental Education Program
Schedule Worksheet**

Please return by fax (731-8404), email: lora@millcreekrestoration.org or mail by August 31, 2009

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____ Principal's Name _____

Number of students participating: _____ Grade Level(s) _____

School start and end times: _____ to _____ Subject(s) Taught _____

Best time to call you: _____ to _____ Preferred bus pick up time: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ School website: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____

Are you able to attend a water quality monitoring training/refresher to be held after school on September 23? YES NO (If you are new to the program you must attend a WQM training.)

1. Classroom Presentation(s): Anytime from **August 25 to before your first scheduled field trip**. Schedule now if you need a presentation in the spring. **Students must attend one classroom presentation in order to participate in the field trips.**

	Date	Time
Fall:		
First choice:	_____	_____
Second choice:	_____	_____
Spring (only if needed):		
First choice:	_____	_____
Second choice:	_____	_____

2. Fall Water Monitoring Field Trips: Select *up to* three days from the following dates:

___ Wednesday, September 30	___ Thursday, October 1	___ Wednesday, October 7
___ Thursday, October 8	___ Wednesday, October 14	___ Thursday, October 15
___ Wednesday, October 21	___ Thursday, October 22	___ Thursday, October 28
___ Thursday, October 29	___ Thursday, November 12	___ Wednesday, November 18

3. **Spring Water Monitoring Field Trips:** Select *up to* three days from the following dates:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, March 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, March 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, March 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, March 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, March 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, April 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, April 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, April 22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, April 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, April 29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, May 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, May 6 |

4. **Fieldwork/Service Learning Events:** Please list a first and second choice but choose **only one** community service date for the school year.

Date	Site
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, September 17, 2009	Laughing Brook
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, September 30, 2009	To be determined
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, October 21, 2009	Freedom Tree Grove 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, October 22, 2009	To be determined
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, November 4, 2009	To be determined
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, November 5, 2009	To be determined
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, March 17, 2010	To be determined
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, April 1, 2010	To be determined
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, April 14, 2010	To be determined
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, April 15, 2010	To be determined

5. **Student Congress/Year-End Event:** Choose all dates that are possible for your school to participate (final date will be announced by December).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, May 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, May 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, May 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, May 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, May 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, May 19 |

Please return your information by August 31, or call Lora (731-8400) to reserve your place and to be assigned volunteer support. Thanks!