

Get Involved with World Water Monitoring Day September 18 – October 18, 2006



Participation in this event can help you meet requirements for the Get with the Land and Water Drop patches for Brownies and Girl Scouts



It's easy to participate!

Citizens of the global community will join in World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD), a worldwide opportunity to impact the health of rivers, lakes, estuaries and other waterbodies. Volunteer monitoring groups, such as the Girl Scouts, are invited to test four key indicators of water quality: temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity and report their findings as part of the WWMD database.

1. **Register your site.** Choose any lake, stream, creek or waterbody where your troop can safely monitor. Register your site anytime after July 18 by clicking on www.worldwatermonitoringday.org to enter the WWMD registration database.
2. **Order a monitoring kit** from the WWMD website. A limited supply of free kits is available locally from the Department of Environmental Quality on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Jason Hill at jrhill@deq.virginia.gov or 540-562-6724 if you are interested in a free kit.
3. **Review your monitoring equipment.** Each easy-to-use test kit contains an informative book and enough reagents to repeat up to 50 tests.
4. **Monitor your site.** You can visit your site to perform the monitoring anytime from September 18 through October 18.
5. **Report your data.** Sharing the data is an important part of the test! Submit your results by returning back to where you registered your site on the WWMD website. You can enter your data anytime between September 18 and December 18, 2006 for inclusion in the annual World Water Monitoring Day summary reports.

For more information, please see www.worldwatermonitoringday.org

For more information on the Get with the Land and Water Drop patches, please see www.epa.gov/adopt/patch/ and www.epa.gov/linkinggirls/