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Dear Volunteer,

Reinstein Woods is seeking volunteers to participate in our “Day in the Life of the Buffalo River” event. This one-day event gets local schools out to sites along the river for hands-on scientific discovery in water chemistry, physical measurements, flora and fauna, and more. Last year, more than 250 students from 10 schools participated in our event! More information about the event can be found here: www.reinsteinwoods.org/dayinthelife

Volunteers are needed to bring the equipment to and from sample sites, and help run the activities.

Here are the details:

- The event is on Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Volunteers will be paired with one class of no more than 30 students at a site along the river. A Reinstein Woods staff person or partner organization will also be present at most sites.
- Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation to and from the site on the day of the event. Carpooling may be available from Reinstein Woods.
- Volunteers may need to transport equipment to their site. Equipment may be picked up at Reinstein Woods.
- Volunteers assist the participants with the activities.
 - o There are 7 activities: turbidity, weather and wind, observing and sketching the environment at the sample site, water temperature, bioassessment (invertebrate scooping), and water chemistry (pH and dissolved oxygen).
- Volunteers may share any river expertise with students: such as aquatic flora and fauna, water chemistry, history of the Buffalo River, pollution, restoration efforts, Great Lakes issues, invasive species, etc.
- A training will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 1:30 PM at Reinstein Woods. Volunteers who are unable to attend may also view a training powerpoint and supplemental materials here: www.reinsteinwoods.org/dayinthelife/partnersandvolunteers

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the following form and either email the file to me at brittany.rowan@dec.ny.gov, mail a printed copy to me at 93 Honorine Dr, Depew, NY 14043, or drop it off at the Education Center during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM and Saturday, 1:00 - 4:30 PM).

Thank you, and we hope to see you on the Buffalo River this fall!

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“A Day in the Life of the Buffalo River” Volunteer Form

Volunteer Information

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Training

Please check:

- Yes, I will attend the volunteer training on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 1:30 PM at Reinstein Woods.
- I am unable to attend and will view the online training instead.

- Volunteers may view the training powerpoint and supplemental materials here:

<http://reinsteinwoods.org/dayinthelife/partnersandvolunteers>

Sample Site

Please indicate your first, second, and third choice of site. We will try our best to accommodate your preference.

- No preference - put me wherever needed!

- ___ Erie Basin Marina and Gardens: Buffalo Harbor, 329 Erie Street, Buffalo, NY 14202
- ___ Ohio Street DEC Fishing Access: Buffalo River, 441 Ohio Street, Buffalo, NY 14204
- ___ Mutual Riverfront Park: Buffalo River, 41 Hamburg Street, Buffalo, NY 14204
- ___ Red Jacket Riverfront Park: Buffalo River; off Smith Street and South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14210
- ___ Cazenovia Park: Cazenovia Creek; Warren Spahn Way, Buffalo, NY 14220
- ___ Harlem Road DEC Fishing Access: Buffalo Creek; 861 Harlem Road, Buffalo, NY 14227
- ___ Burchfield Nature Center: Buffalo Creek; 2001 Union Road West Seneca, NY 14224
- ___ Mill Road Park: Cazenovia Creek; 740 Mill Road, West Seneca, NY 14224
- ___ Stiglmeier Park: Cayuga Creek, Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227
- ___ Borden Road Access: Buffalo Creek; 151 Borden Rd, Buffalo, NY 14224
- ___ Como Lake County Park: Cayuga Creek; Quincy Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086
- ___ Bowen Grove: Cayuga Creek/Little Buffalo Creek; 3893 Bowen Rd, Lancaster, NY 14086
- ___ Elma Village Green: Buffalo Creek; 3001 Bowen Road, Elma, NY 14059
- ___ Elma Centennial Park: Buffalo Creek, 763 Creek Road, Elma, NY 14059
- ___ Beaver Meadow Audubon Center: Headwaters, 1610 Welch Rd, North Java, NY 14113

- I am willing to run a site on my own (without Reinstein staff present).

Comments/requests:

If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Rowan at brittany.rowan@dec.ny.gov or 716-683-5959. You will receive a confirmation letter via email before the event detailing your sample site and school. Thank you, and we look forward to working with you on the Buffalo River!