NEW YORK project WET
WATER EDUCATION TODAY

2025 Facilitator Training

Onondaga Lake Visitors Center, Syracuse, NY

Wednesday, 24 September: 10am to 5pm

10:00 Welcome & Introductions (Where's Your Watershed? NYS Watershed Map)

Watershed Framing

- Water "shed" as a framework for connecting culture, communities, people, and the natural world

What is WET

- History, Mission, & Goals of Project WET
- Hand out & Review guides
  - Updates/similarities from WET 2.0 to Foundations of Water Education & Waters in Earth Systems
- Re-familiarizing & Seeing new WET activities
  - Seeing Watersheds
  - Incredible Journey (Urbanized)
  - A Plume Problem
  - Freshwater Giants

NYSDEC's Role in WET, Conservation Ed, & EE

Facilitator Information and Expectations

- Go through resources
- Expectations of NYSDEC
- Expectations of a Facilitator
- Types of Workshops

Facilitator Paperwork

Thursday, 25 September: 9am to 5pm

9:00 CTLE training

- Offering NY State Education "Continuing Teacher and Leader Education" (CTLE) credit
- Paperwork!! Is no joke! It's **not just the Projects or DEC. This is State Ed.**
- **ASK QUESTIONS!!**

The Nuts & Bolts: Going Through Workshop Logistics

- Organizing a Successful Workshop
  - The Ps: proposal, paperwork, promotion, & planning
  - Getting the A Right: Agenda Planning
  - Finishing Strong: Reporting

Peer Teaching (getting your workshop started)

- Small groups plan a workshop and present back to the large group
  - Audience, location, agenda, two **marketing strategies, Workshop Proposal form**

Working Lunch

Peer Teaching cont. -activity time

Resources from NYSDEC, International Project WET

- Online and other NYSDEC resources
  - Discover the Hudson, Hudson River Lesson Plans, I Fish NY Lesson Plans
  - Water Education Portal/ Online resources
  - SeaGrant Great Lakes Education
  - Research & Misc. Resources
- Share participant resources

Facilitator Dilemmas

Trainer in the "Hotseat" or "Ask 'em while you got 'em"

4:45-5:00pm Wrap-up & Evaluations

Congratulations New York's newest WET Facilitators, safe trip home!!!

Dth:9/10/25