

Friends of the Chicago River

Chicago River Schools Network

Greetings from Friends

The Chicago River offers a wealth of experiences to learn about science, history, and culture. In learning about the river we learn about ourselves.

Now that warmer weather is here, it's time to start thinking about how you'll be spending your spring and summer.

If you have ever been curious about the Chicago River, we're offering two mini-workshops in the spring. One will focus on river chemistry and the other river biology. If you are a teacher and curious about the full Rivers Curriculum workshop in July, this is a great opportunity to learn more. We also welcome members of the general public to just get outdoors, explore the river and expand their knowledge of the river.

Teachers who would like to integrate the river into their classroom studies should enroll in our four-day Rivers Curriculum workshop. Teachers will learn how to help their students explore chemistry, biology, physics, and language arts within a comprehensive service-learning program.

We are again providing these unique workshop opportunities to help you become better prepared to share the marvels of the Chicago River with your students in the coming years.

Best wishes for a wonderful and fulfilling spring and summer,



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2015 Spring/Summer Workshops

A Morning at the River: Chemistry

5th - 12th grade teachers

April 25, 2015, 9-11 am

West River Park (corner of N. Albany & W. Carmen)

Cost per person: \$10, RSVP Required

This is a fun introduction to water chemistry at the river. Learn about resources to test water quality with your students, or just for your own sake. We'll provide all the chemistry kits and equipment.

A Morning at the River: Biology

3rd - 12th grade teachers

May 16, 2015, 9-11 am

West River Park (corner of N. Albany & W. Carmen)

Cost per person: \$10, RSVP Required

Come out and hunt for macroinvertebrates, bugs that live in the river. We have all the equipment you'll need, from boots to nets. We'll have fun as we learn how to assess the water's quality.

Rivers Curriculum

6th - 12th grade teachers

July 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2015

*Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum,
DePaul University - Lincoln Park Campus,
and various Chicago River sites*

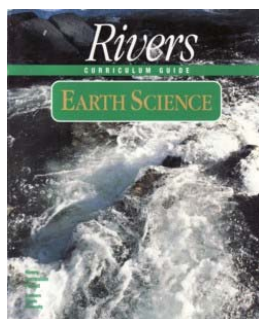
Cost per teacher: \$125, RSVP Required

*Available Credit: Two graduate credits
from Aurora University (additional fee of
\$200) and/or 30 PDCHs (\$10 per person).
Contact us for details.*

What is Rivers Curriculum?

Rivers Curriculum is a comprehensive four-day workshop. This year, the workshop will be held from July 20-23, 2015, at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the DePaul University-Lincoln Park Campus, and in the field at the Chicago River.

This innovative curriculum uses rivers and watersheds as a focus for biology, chemistry, earth science, language arts, math and geography. The lessons are inquiry-based and hands-on, introducing students to complex concepts and real world issues. We will also discuss integrating service-learning activities.



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2015 Workshop Registration

I would like to register for A Day at the River
For April 25, 2015, 9-11 am
Fee: \$10 per person
Number of people I am registering: _____

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For May 16, 2015, 9-11 am
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Number of people I am registering: _____

I would like to register for Rivers Curriculum
Fee: \$125 per teacher
 I'm interested in graduate credit
 I'm interested in PDCH credit

My Name: _____

My School: _____

Grade & subject(s) taught: _____

My Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Cut out and send your registration form,
along with a check payable to
Friends of the Chicago River,

Attention: Mark Hauser,
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