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Utah Division of Water Quality

Join 80 Students in World Water Monitoring Day

Utah Division of Water Quality, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, and CH2M HILL promote environmental stewardship and education through monitoring event at Sugarhouse Park

Who: Professional engineers and scientists from Utah Division of Water Quality, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, and CH2M HILL will host almost 80 4th grade students from the Edison Elementary School for a World Water Monitoring Day event.

What: Participants will learn firsthand about water quality by testing Parley's Creek for four basic parameters of water quality: pH, turbidity, temperature and dissolved oxygen and entering their results into a global database. Students will be participating in other hands-on events such as using macroinvertebrates to evaluate water quality, learning what they can do to stop pollution, and understanding that most people in the world do not have ready access to water.

When: Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Where: Parley's Creek Pavilion, Sugarhouse Park, Salt Lake City, Utah

Why: Promote environmental stewardship by teaching students about their local water resources and empowering them to take ownership in protecting our environment.

World Water Monitoring Day™ is an international education and outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local water bodies. Participation continues to grow toward the organization's goal of one million volunteers by the year 2012. In addition to the Salt Lake City event, a national kickoff event was held September 18 in Washington D.C. and communities worldwide will celebrate with local events.

For more information, visit: <http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/>.

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