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NEWS FROM OHIO PROJECT WET

Greetings to all Ohio Project WET facilitators! It has been over 2 years since the last edition of Drips and Drops so I have a lot of information for you.



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WET, WILD and PLT - Ohio’s Correlations for All Three!

The focus of this project was to correlate the activities of Project WET, Project WILD and Project Learning Tree to the Ohio K-12 Science Academic Content Standards. This project was modeled after the recent correlation project that ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation created: “Correlating Soil and Water Conservation Education Activities with Ohio’s Science Content Standards”. The product of this collaborative effort is a searchable database of the correlations. This database can be searched by grade level band, grade level, science academic content standard, benchmark, organizer, grade-level indicator and specific project book (WET, WILD, PLT). A limited number of hard copies of the Correlations guidebook will soon be available to those who do not have Internet access. The database is available on the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) website at ohiodnr.com/education/correlations

The coordinators for WET, WILD and PLT would like to thank all of the people that worked on the correlations project. The next steps for the WET, WILD and PLT coordinators will be to

have their activities correlated to the Ohio Academic Content Standards for English Language Arts, Social Studies and Technology.

WET, WILD and PLT - Facilitators for All Three!

Around the same time that the "Correlations for All Three" project started, the coordinators for the three "Projects" decided to collaborate on a combined facilitator training. The first combined training was held on October 28-30, 2004 in Ashley, Ohio. There were 40 people who attended this training. The second combined training was held on April 25-27, 2005 at Burr Oak State Park. At this training we welcomed 41 new facilitators. We have not decided if and when we will hold another combined facilitator training but if you know someone who is interested in becoming a facilitator for the "Projects", please contact:

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WELCOME NEW PROJECT WET, WILD and PLT FACILITATORS!

The following are the new facilitators and counties from both workshops:

October 2004

Ashtabula - Susan Kalb; **Butler** - Lynn White; **Cuyahoga** - Donna Childs, Kate Pierce, Becky Siekkinen, Laura Schmotzer & Harry Stark; **Defiance** - Amber Kaufman; **Delaware** - Melissa Berry, Jackie Brown & Sandra Sklar; **Erie** - Amy Krajnak; **Franklin** - Tim Daniel, Mohammed Islam, Martha Kotter, Andrea Motto, Jan Rietzel, Vicki Saunders & Carolyn Watkins; **Geauga** - Ann Rzepka, Carol Conlan, Linda Ford & Anne Lyon; **Hancock** - Deb Wickerham; **Knox** - Debbie Shepherd-Greg; **Lawrence** - Kathy Conner; **Licking** - Chris Link; **Lucas** - Jamie Kochensparger; **Mahoning** - June Baker; **Montgomery** - Kristen Marks & Stephanie Smith; **Ottawa** - Lisa Brohl, Carol Ferguson & Kathy Kepler; **Pickaway** - Rachel Joseph; **Summit** - Jamey Graham, Paul Khacherian & Chicory Koren; **Trumbull** - Patrick Maenpa; **Wyandot** - Angie Ford.

April 2005

Athens - Al Cote & Jennifer Hahn; **Butler** - Barbara Reuss; **Champaign** - Jennifer Ganson; **Crawford** - Bob Laipply; **Cuyahoga** - Eileen Dixon, Lynne Lawson & Kelly Riesen; **Delaware** - Becky Chandler; **Fairfield** - Susie Huston; **Franklin** - Nichole Braun, Alice Glaser, Elaine Horr, Leah Hout, Chan Kook Kim, Aaron Kloss, Eunju Lee, Preethi Mony, Casey Munchel, Brian Riley & Eileen Ulry; **Geauga** - Patrick Migliozi; **Hamilton** - Michael George; **Harrison** - Kimberly Arbaugh; **Lake** - Lisa Hall, Beth Landers & Kaitie Nainiger; **Licking** - Melissa Seville; **Lorain** - Rob Glatz, Marianne Kaput, Jody Yoxthimer; **Meigs** - Jenny Ridenour; **Mahoning** - Carol Vigorito; **Pickaway** - Karen Halley; **Stark** - Dr. Donald Williams; **Summit** - Chrystal Schultz; **Tuscarawas** - Shirley Everhart & Marsha Zoller; **Warren** - Mary Beth King; **Washington** - Amber Michel; **Wayne** - Kelly Smith.

Please Welcome the New Workshop Coordinator for WET

In May of this year the Ohio Water Education Program (OWEP), which sponsors Project WET in Ohio, hired Chrystal Schultz as a workshop coordinator. As some of you already know, she is the Office Manager for PLT-Ohio so she will be performing similar administrative duties for WET (receiving workshop proposals, shipping materials, invoicing, etc.). Chrystal is taking some of the WET administrative duties "off my plate" so that I can focus more of my WET time on running the WET program and promoting WET in Ohio. You can reach Chrystal at:

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FOCUS ON A FACILITATOR

I have had a subscription to the Stormwater magazine (www.stormh2o.com) for the past year and recently came across an article written by one of Project WET's newer facilitators, Harry Stark. Harry attended the first combined WET, WILD and PLT facilitator training in October 2004. He works as a supervisor for the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) and in this article, "A Watershed-Based Approach to Stormwater Management", he focused on CCBH's Watershed Protection Unit. The Watershed Protection Unit stresses the use of watershed-based planning as well as collaborative efforts with partnering agencies to protect public health and water quality resources from the impact of point-source and nonpoint-source pollution. The article discusses the evolution of the Watershed Protection Unit, their water quality and stormwater programs and the education and outreach activities. Harry's article can be found on pages 144-148 in the July/August 2005 issue of Stormwater.

- WET facilitators: if you have information about yourself and/or your program as it relates to water than please send me the information and you might be featured in the next Drips and Drops.

Healthy Water, Healthy People moves to Ohio EPA!

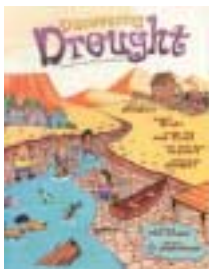


Recently, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation turned over statewide coordination of HWHP to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Education. Dennis Clement is the new contact person for HWHP. "It is Ohio EPA's goal to continue to work with ODNR and other agencies, to build on what already has been accomplished by the Division of Soil and Water," said Clement. HWHP activities are correlated with the Ohio Department of Education's new Academic Content Standards for science education and can be found online on WET, WILD and PLT's correlations page ohiodnr.com/education/correlations

To purchase HWHP materials, be added to Ohio's HWHP E-mail listserve, or for general information, please contact dennis.clement@epa.state.oh.us or the Ohio EPA, Office of Environmental Education, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, telephone 614-644-2873. Upcoming workshops will be posted on the office's [Web calendar](#), or [HWHP - Ohio Connection](#).

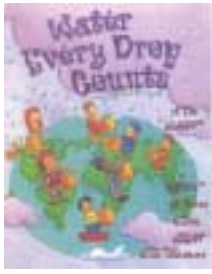
Project WET USA updates

Project WET has developed lots of new educational materials in these past two years. Below are a few examples of these new items. These items and others can be ordered directly from the Project WET website store: www.projectwet.org



Discovering Drought

How can there be a drought in a rain forest--or in the desert? What exactly is a drought? Learn these answers and more, such as the roles of snowpack and ground water, droughts around the world and throughout history, predicting and planning for drought, plant and animal adaptations, and dendrochronology. For students age 8-12



Water Every Drop Counts

Finalist of the AEP Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Educational Publishing!

This 16-page activity booklet is packed with fun and engaging activities about where water comes from, where it goes, and how important it is to our lives. Students age 8–12 will explore the hydrologic cycle, worldwide water quantity, basic water quality issues, water and personal health and how water connects people worldwide. All activities reinforce the message that when it comes to water, every drop counts!



Macroinvertebrate Water Quality Investigation Kit

MacroPac has everything needed to help your students collect, sort, identify, analyze, monitor, and understand the importance of macroinvertebrates to determine the quality of a local stream or river!

MAKE A SPLASH WITH PROJECT WET!

2004 Make A Splash Festival:



The 5th annual festival was held on Sept. 24, 2004 at Sharon Woods Metro Park in Westerville. Festival attendees included 395 3rd and 4th graders from Salem Elementary (Columbus Public) and three Whitehall schools. Volunteers represented a variety of organizations including: ODNR – Water and Watercraft, Franklin SWCD, Madison SWCD, Pickaway SWCD and Columbus and Franklin Co. Metro Parks.

2005 Make A Splash Festival:

Ohio's 2005 Make a Splash with Project WET Water Festival is scheduled for September 23, 2005 at Sharon Woods Metro Park (Franklin County). Water Festivals will be held on the same day in all 50 states as well as some US territories. The Project WET USA office and the "Make a Splash with Project WET" sponsor, Nestle' Waters, will be sponsoring this year's "Make a Splash" festival. If you are interested in volunteering for Ohio's water festival, please contact [Valerie Childress](mailto:Valerie.Childress@dnr.state.oh.us), (614) 265-6757 or valerie.childress@dnr.state.oh.us.

Additional Tidbits:

- New address but same place for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)
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2045 Morse Road
Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693
- Project WET Educator workshops are now posted online! To find Project WET educator workshop in your area, go to: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/water/educate/owep/workshops.htm>