The Leaf Pack Network

An International Stream Monitoring Program for all Ages





Slimy Leaves for Healthy Streams: A Training in the Leaf Pack Network

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How can clumps of slimy leaves spark stream exploration?

The Leaf Pack Experiment is a fun, hands-on research and outreach tool for citizens of all ages and teachers, demonstrating how our actions on land impact life in streams and water quality. Leaf Pack promotes inquiry-based interdisciplinary watershed education and engages diverse audiences in conducting their own experiments, gathering relevant ecological data, exploring food webs, learning classification skills, using technology to share data, comparing data with those of other communities and applying that information to protect local watersheds.

Join us at our workshop, we'll show you how!

During this workshop participants will receive an overview of stream ecology and watershed concepts. Taking our boots to the stream, we'll then experience hands-on examination of leaf packs with live aquatic macroinvertebrates, including their identification and a look at the Leaf Pack Network® web-site and database. A short taxonomic certification exam (free & easy) at the volunteer level of ID will be given through the Society for Freshwater Science as part of a new pilot project!











Hands-On Experience You'll touch slimy leaves and rocks, learning about Leaf Pack methods and how aquatic macroinvertebrates tell us the story about stream health.

Boots in the Water Spend the day with us at the beautiful Ogden Botanical Garden classroom on the banks of the Ogden River. If the water is too high, we'll bring the bugs to you!





Leaf Pack Network Kits can be found at https://leafpacknetwork.org/resources/

At the workshop you will receive:

- · Leaf Pack kit give-a ways!
- FREE lunch
- Hands-on deploying/retrieving leaf packs from the stream
- Training in macroinvertebrate ID
- FUN teaching techniques to bring to your classes and communities!
- Relicensure points and continuing ed credits*
- Free volunteer-level Taxonomic certification through the Society for Freshwater Science

REGISTER by May 13th as spaces are limited!

Come learn about the Leaf Pack Experiment to examine the health of YOUR local streams!!

This workshop is intended for middle and high school teachers, environmental educators, and citizen scientists. The workshop will be held at the Ogden Botanical Gardens.

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