

What: *Watershed Ambassadors Summer Camp* provides meaningful watershed experiences in regional watersheds, including Lake Michigan, to 22 local junior high and high school students. Students become watershed ambassadors following investigation (water testing and analysis, restoration projects) of each watershed via canoe, pontoon, schooner, submarine, and on foot. Students conduct service projects that directly impact the health of the local waterways and create their own methods of community outreach.

Objectives:

1. Build a greater understanding of specific watershed issues and possible solutions through on-site exploration (water testing, restoration projects) of five county watersheds.
2. Provide interaction and explore possible careers with professionals in water related fields by visiting their workplaces and shadowing them in daily tasks.
3. Build confidence in students to speak and act as ambassadors of their watershed through service projects and community outreach.
4. Provide participation in hands-on outdoor activities that connect students to water resources and increase student confidence to continue water resource activities throughout their lives.