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DEQ celebrates World Water Monitoring Day with educational organizations

BATON ROUGE - World Water Monitoring Day is an annual international education and outreach program that helps build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources.

This year, DEQ environmental scientists have recruited four local educational organizations to participate and perform water quality tests for dissolved oxygen, temperature, turbidity and the PH of a selected waterbody. Each organization has selected a testing site where DEQ staff will deliver special water quality test kits and help with the water testing.

The educational organizations participating are Baton Rouge Magnet High School Environmental Science Club, who will test the Bluebonnet Swamp; Baker Middle School, testing Cypress Bayou; Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Troop, testing the Comite River; and St. Thomas More Catholic School, testing the school pond. After performing the tests, they will share their results on the World Water Monitoring Day website at www.WorldWaterMonitoringDay.org. By participating in World Water Monitoring Day, the students and members of each organization will gain an increased knowledge of how they can help build public awareness and become an active participant in protecting water resources in their community.

World Water Monitoring Day is sponsored nationally by the Water Environment Federation and the International Water Association and locally by the Louisiana Water Environment Association and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.