Some comments and quotes from teachers about the workshop:
- “This was one of the most relevant workshops that I’ve attended in the past decade. I can actually use what I learned!”
- “Wonderful workshop! Facilitators were amazing and extremely knowledgeable. Every teacher should take this!”
- “Thank you for a wonderful experience. These materials and activities are designed for me to use immediately!”
- “One of the best & most useful workshops I’ve attended!”

Some benefits as described by It’s Our Water! trained teachers:
- “Getting the students outside and having the opportunity to learn by doing has improved the teaching & learning atmosphere.”
- “Students are more aware of where their water comes from and are more likely to consider how their actions affect their water.”
- “Students (and I) have enjoyed going outside to complete the activities.”
- “I think that the IOW curriculum provides many hands-on experiences that will increase student engagement and retention as well as activities that promote critical thinking. IOW provided a great opportunity to take my class outside and experience water quality testing.”
- “Great supplement for AP Environmental Science class.”
- “Students are now aware of the environmental impacts of water and what they can do to preserve and conserve it.”
- “My classroom instruction uses no worksheets now.”
- “IOW provides a greater understanding for students. They see students their own ages involved in water quality issues, it’s relevant to them. One of the best, well put together programs I’ve seen. Very teacher friendly. I can pick and choose very easily, the components I need and can use in the time frame I have.”

Upcoming Workshops:
- **It’s Our Water! Teacher Training** at JT Hoggard High School in Wilmington, NC
  August 10, 2006, 8:30 - 3:00. (Free to NHCS Teachers, others $25 per teacher)
- **It’s Our Water! Teacher Training** at Southeast Education Alliance in Kenansville, NC
  September 29, 2006, 8:30 - 3:30. ($35 per teacher)

  For updated workshop information, please see the website at:
  [www.ncwater.org](http://www.ncwater.org), click on *It’s Our Water!*
## Schedule of Events

- **08/10/06** —
  IOW Teacher Training,
  JT Hoggard HS
  Wilmington, NC

- **08/14-16/06** —
  E/E Science Water Institute,
  Blue Jay Point CP,
  Raleigh, NC

- **09/29/06** —
  IOW Teacher Training,
  Southeast Education All.
  Kenansville, NC

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### Map

*It's Our Water! Trained Earth/Environmental Science Teachers in North Carolina*

**Key**
- **0** IOW Trained Teachers
- **1-9**
- **10+**

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Statistics for It’s Our Water!

- 36 Facilitators have been trained to lead It’s Our Water! workshops, and over 10 of those remain active in facilitating It’s Our Water! workshops.
- At least 100 Teachers have been trained to use the It’s Our Water! curriculum, and 81 of those were the target audience of Earth/Environmental Science Teachers across North Carolina.
- A survey instrument was used to analyze the usage of It’s Our Water! in classrooms across North Carolina.
- The survey respondents noted they have used It’s Our Water! with over 3150 students across North Carolina.
- All survey respondents considered their It’s Our Water! workshop to be “Good” or “Excellent.”
- Most of the survey respondents noted that the curriculum materials, DVDs, and stream side activities were “Very Important” components of the It’s Our Water! curriculum.

Some more teacher opinions on It’s Our Water!

- “IOW will enhance the ability of my students to see their role in water usage and quality. It has added a dimension of real life activities to my class.”
- “A more global attitude towards water and how it is used and abused and how it can be conserved. The curriculum is engaging and fun.”
- “IOW gave me some NC specific info and activities to use in my classroom. These are already field tested and shown to be teacher and student friendly.”

Send in Your Activities!

Have a great activity about Water quantity or quality you created and would like to share?

Want to win a super-cool water prize?

Write to us with your stories and information. This newsletter will have a section or two available to share information and stories with other It’s Our Water! teachers!

APES modification for IOW wanted!

Deadline for submission is September 1, 2006!
Submit to:
Shelby Gull Laird <shelby.gull@ncmail.net> or fax Shelby at: 919-733-3558
It’s Our Water! ...

- Is a North Carolina-specific high school Earth/Environmental Science curriculum and resources guide for North Carolina students and teachers. It covers the importance of water quality and quantity, monitoring and maintaining water quality, and the impacts individual choices and actions have on water quality.

- Centers around field activities in a local stream that lead to a final report and recommendations by the class, coordinated with a series of videos, demonstrations, classroom activities, homework and quizzes.


Would You Like to Host an It’s Our Water! Workshop?

All you need to do is...

- Gather up 10 high school science teachers from your school or district.
- Pick a workday or other day you can meet for 6—10 hours.
- Find a place to have this meeting.
- Ask the school district or another sponsor to pay $25 each for your materials (Including: It’s Our Water! DVD and Curriculum Guide, Project Wet Guide, Healthy Water Healthy People Testing Kit Manual, and NC River Basins Booklet with inserts and poster, and more).
- Contact Shelby Gull Laird <shelby.gull@ncmail.net>, who will arrange for another facilitator or herself to come to your facility and work with your group learning about It’s Our Water!