

# chicago river schools network

a teacher training and support program



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The Chicago River Schools Network provides K-12 teachers with the training and personalized assistance they need to take their students on an adventure into the turbulent history, evolving ecology, and improving health of the Chicago River. Students investigate real world issues and create service learning projects that work to solve everyday problems facing the Chicago River. All the while, learning standards are met and students and teachers gain a deeper understanding of the place they call home.

## how can the chicago river schools network help me?

- **Workshops** – We will train you in all aspects of the river and its watershed and how to integrate its study into your curriculum (CPDU, lane and graduate credit available).
- **Individualized Assistance** – We will come to your school and meet with you to help you develop your own personalized Chicago River program.
- **Loan Program** – We have water quality monitoring equipment, books, videos and CDs you can borrow to enhance your program.
- **Lessons and Curricula** – We have lessons appropriate for students from kindergarten through 12th grade.
- **Field Trip Help** – We will help you plan your field trip to the river and be there to help on the day of the trip.
- **Classroom River Program** – We will engage your students in an hour long program exploring the river.

## how much will this cost me?

All the help and support we offer, except for our workshops, is FREE to member teachers!

## how do I become a member?

New teachers must meet with a member of Friends' education staff. This free consultation and planning session will determine what assistance is available. To schedule, contact Mark Hauser at (312) 939-0490, ext. 11 or [mhauser@chicagoriver.org](mailto:mhauser@chicagoriver.org). Check out our website at [www.chicagoriver.org/education](http://www.chicagoriver.org/education) for more great resources and information!

*"I can think of no better way to get the students involved, first hand, in the learning process. To let them know that what we are learning is important, and what they do on a daily basis does make a difference."*

### Jeff Hoyer

*Biology and AP Environmental Science teacher,  
Deerfield High School, Deerfield, Illinois*

## friends of the chicago river

*Dedicated to preserve, protect, and foster the vitality of the Chicago River for the human, plant, and animal communities within its watershed \**

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*Dedicated to engaging students and teachers in hands-on, integrated and real world learning experiences and service projects that work to improve the health of the river and its watershed \**

*\* A watershed is the land surrounding a river from which water drains downhill into that river.*

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