



PROJECT FLOW SUMMER 2017

Fairmount Water Works is proud to announce the 8th season of *Project Flow*, an environmental education program for Philadelphia middle school students (rising 8th and 9th graders). Throughout the 2 ½ week program, students will learn about the ecology, the human impact, and the individual and collective actions that influence the health of the Delaware River Watershed. The program focuses student efforts on civic engagement and individual and collective responsibility to protect the environment. Students will explore the city's historic water system as well as the many impacts of human actions on current and future water quality protection. The program promises to be the complete WATER experience, **including getting on-the water in kayaks, engaging with scientists, swimming, an overnight camping trip and a service-learning project. Participants will challenge their own "water" habits and learn new ways to become responsible caretakers of the watershed.**

Project Flow is a two and a half week summer program from July 5th to July 21st 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. based at the Fairmount Water Works, 640 Water Works Drive Philadelphia. It is for students entering 8th or 9th grade in Fall 2017. The program will include numerous field trips that leave from the Fairmount Water Works.

Project Flow engages students in understanding Philadelphia's water system, its waterways and infrastructure to help foster a better understanding of urban watershed issues such as water quality, ecology, public health, and stormwater management.

Project Flow fosters long-term civic engagement and environmental stewardship

Project Flow balances hands-on experiential programs on site with many field trips opportunities such as boating, nature walks and camping.

Project Flow culminates in a final service project

Project Flow is a no-fee scholarship program; Students are chosen through a highly selective application process (if accepted, there is a *suggested* \$50 activities fee).

Programming will include activities and trips to the following:

- Kayaking, rowing, peddling
- Urban hikes
- Overnight camping
- Service learning project
- Learning opportunities with environmental scientists
- Water quality testing
- Explore history and have some fun at our home site Fairmount Water Works
- And possibly more!

How to Apply:

Applications are due by May 5th, 2017; Notification of acceptance by May 15, 2017.

- 1) Download the application from our website at: <http://fairmountwaterworks.org> and fill out the student forms with your information. **Or complete the attached document.**
- 2) Write a short essay (7-10 sentences) explaining what you will bring to the program and your interest in studying water and the environment. Space is provided on this document.
- 3) Have a teacher complete the attached teacher recommendation (Important: this must be delivered to us in a separate sealed, signed envelope).
- 4) Mail all of these materials in one envelope to:

Fairmount Water Works
ATTN: Project Flow
640 Waterworks Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19130

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ellen Schultz
215-685-0721 or 215-710-0577
Ellen.Schultz@phila.gov

There will be a mandatory meeting for all accepted students and their parents/guardians on Wednesday, June 14th from 5-7 pm at Fairmount Water Works.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

**PARENTS and GUARDIANS,
Please fill out all of this information completely.**

Student's Name:
Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):
Gender:
Home Address:
Best Phone Number to contact you (parent/guardian):
Student Cell Number (Optional):
Parent Email address (print):
Student Email address (print):
School and grade in Fall 2017:
What School(s) has your child attended? Please include years attended: 1. 2. 3.
Please circle the level of swimming that describes your child: Non-swimmer Beginner Comfortable Proficient
Write a short paragraph explaining what strengths/weaknesses your child would bring to this program:
Parent Full Name (print):
Parent Signature and DATE:

Student: Write a short essay (7-10 sentences) explaining what you will bring to the program and your interest in studying water and the environment. You can also include anything else you would like us to know about you!

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please return this to the student in a sealed envelope. Sign the flap on back of the envelope.

Dear Teacher,

_____ is applying for a summer program called **Project Flow**. It is a 2 1/2-week, interdisciplinary exploration of water at Fairmount Water Works. There will be approximately 12 students chosen for this program from both public and private schools in the Philadelphia area. We have a few questions for you:

1) What qualities will this student bring to an intense, experiential, hands-on program?

2) Compared with other students you know, what seem to be this student's strengths overall? Please comment on both academics and social life.

3) Compared with other students you know, what seem to be this student's weaknesses overall? Please comment on both academics and social life.

4) Is there anything that would give you pause in recommending this student to us? Please explain.

5) I recommend this student (please circle one of the following):

No reservations

Some reservations

Complete reservations

6) Overall, I would rank this student (academically):

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Fair

Poor

Anything else you would like to add? (Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper)

Name: _____ Position: _____

Signature: _____ Phone#: _____

Email address: _____