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**27TH ANNUAL
CLEAN YOUR STREAMS
CHALLENGE PACKET**





CLEAN YOUR STREAMS DAY CHALLENGES



CLEAN YOUR STREAMS (CYS) DAY IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Be a part of Northwest Ohio's largest watershed clean-up, now in its 27th year. Removing trash from our lakes, rivers, creeks, and ditches keeps our water clean, clear, and safe for people and wildlife. Plus, it's a lot of fun!



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To make cleaning our streams even more exciting, Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) hosts friendly challenges! Challenge your friends, family, a rival team, or colleagues to collect the most trash, find unusual items, or make a big impact by bringing the most volunteers or taking the best before-and-after clean-up photos!



COLLEGIATE GROUP CYS CHALLENGE AWARDS

Most Volunteers: Awarded to the groups with the most CYS participants.

Battle of the Bags: Awarded to the groups who fill the greatest number of trash bags.

Awesome Effort: Awarded to the groups that find the most food wrappers, which have surpassed cigarette butts as the #1 removed CYS Day trash.

Best Before-and-After: Awarded to the biggest before-and-after impact captured via photo.

Strangest Find: Awarded to the most unusual items removed and photographed.

Register for Clean
Your Streams
using the QR code,
or visit our
website.



PartnersFor
CleanStreams.org
/cys27/register

YOUTH GROUP CYS CHALLENGE AWARDS

Most Volunteers: Awarded to the groups with the most CYS participants.

Battle of the Bags: Awarded to the groups who fill the greatest number of trash bags.

Awesome Effort: For youth groups, awarded to the groups with the largest average number of bags per person.

CHALLENGES FOR ALL

Everyone is welcome to submit your **Best Before-and-After** and **Strangest Find** photos on social media with @PCSMaumee & use #CleanYourStreams419. PCS staff will vote for the winners!

RECOGNITION FOR BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, & OTHER GROUPS

When you check-in at your kickoff, let your Kickoff Coordinator know your group name and how many members are participating. Your group will be recognized with a River Partner Certification after CYS Day, as well as featured on the PCS webpage and other materials.

Watershed Warrior: 50+ volunteers

River Guardian: 30-49 volunteers

Stream Protector: 10-29 volunteers

Creek Crusader: 1-9 volunteers

For more information, call Partners for Clean Streams at 419-874-0727 or visit partnersforcleanstreams.org



CLEAN YOUR STREAMS DAY YOUTH CHALLENGES



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YOUTH GROUP CYS CHALLENGE AWARDS

Submit an entry form for consideration.

Most Volunteers: Awarded to the groups with the most CYS participants.

Battle of the Bags: Awarded to the groups who fill the greatest number of total trash bags.

Awesome Effort: For youth groups, awarded to the groups with the largest average number of bags per person.

HOW TO JOIN CYS YOUTH CHALLENGES

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BEFORE CLEAN YOUR STREAMS DAY...

1. Register your group for a CYS kickoff.
2. Sign up for site captain training if your group has 10+ members. You'll get more information on site captain training in your registration confirmation email.

ON CLEAN YOUR STREAMS DAY...

1. Arrive at your kickoff between 8-8:30am for training, supplies, and site assignment. Pick up a challenge award entry form for later.
2. Travel to your site and clean your streams! Record the trash your group removes using a data card. When you wrap up your clean-up, copy your data onto your challenge award entry form.
3. Head over the volunteer appreciation picnic at noon. Enjoy the free food and door prizes, and submit your entry form to the challenge table. Stick around for the Challenge Award Ceremony to see if your group will win a challenge trophy!



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COLLEGIATE GROUP CYS CHALLENGE AWARDS

Most Volunteers: Awarded to the groups with the most CYS participants.

Battle of the Bags: Awarded to the groups who fill the greatest number of total trash bags.

Awesome Effort: For collegiate groups, awarded to the groups that find the most food wrappers, which have surpassed cigarette butts as the #1 removed trash on CYS Day.

Best Before-and-After: Awarded to the biggest before-and-after impact captured via photo.

Strangest Find: Awarded to the most unusual items removed and documented via photo.

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HOW TO JOIN CYS COLLEGIATE CHALLENGES

BEFORE CYS DAY...

1. Register your group for a CYS kickoff.
2. Sign up for site captain training if your group has 10+ members. You'll learn more about site captains in your registration confirmation email.

ON CYS DAY...

1. Arrive at your kickoff between 8-8:30am for training, supplies, and site assignment.
2. Travel to your site and clean your streams!
 - Take before-and-after photos, plus a pic of your group's most interesting find. Submit via Twitter or Instagram by tagging @PCSMaumee, or tagging us on the Partners for Clean Streams Facebook page. Make sure to include your group name and use #CleanYourStreams419.
 - Use data cards or the Clean Swell app to record the items your group removes.
3. You're invited to the volunteer appreciation picnic at noon for free food and door prizes!

AFTER CYS DAY...

1. Best Before-and-After and Strangest Find will be decided by PCS Staff and Board vote.
2. PCS will use your submitted data to determine winners for Most Volunteers, Battle of the Bags, and Awesome Effort. We'll contact the winning group leaders to present them with a trophy!



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26TH ANNUAL CLEAN YOUR STREAMS SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



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26th Annual Clean Your Streams

Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) and community partners hosted the 26th Annual Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 24, 2022. For the third year, volunteers had the option to participate via the Remote Kickoff, cleaning a waterway site at a time and location of their choosing.

Across both the in-person and remote kickoffs, 652 volunteers removed 13,594.5 pounds of trash from 62 sites along 29 river miles of Northwest Ohio's rivers, streams, creeks, and ditches.

What is Clean Your Streams?

Clean Your Streams (CYS) is a watershed cleanup program where volunteers remove trash and record citizen science data on the items they collect. CYS is the largest cleanup in Ohio that contributes marine debris data to the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) database. Volunteers impact watersheds across our region, including the Ottawa River, Swan Creek, Maumee River, and Maumee Bay tributaries. Over the past 26 years of CYS, more than 15,500 volunteers have removed over 382,000 pounds of marine debris.

CYS 26 Sponsors

Grant Funder: Greater Toledo Community Foundation Sisters of St. Francis Donor Advised Fund

Community Partners: BP, O-I Charities Foundation

Underwriters: Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund, City of Oregon, City of Toledo Environmental Services, First Solar, Kwest Group, Lucas County Storm Water Utility, NSG Glass North America, OmniSource, University of Toledo

Contributors: The Andersons, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Heritage Environmental Services, Tetra Tech, Verdantas

Supporters: The Mannik & Smith Group, Monroe St. UMC, Oak Openings Region Conservancy



Results by Kickoff

	Volunteers	Sites	Pounds of marine debris
Remote Kickoff.....	111	21	2089.6
Side Cut Metropark Kickoff.....	122	12	2426
Toledo Early College HS Kickoff.....	101	2	1043
Oregon Kickoff.....	69	5	705
International Park Kickoff.....	55	4	2320
Perrysburg Kickoff.....	55	7	1210
University of Toledo Kickoff.....	53	3	1385.4
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff.....	50	3	1564
Secor Metropark Kickoff.....	28	5	850
Volunteer appreciation picnic.....	8	-	-
Total.....	652	62	13,954.5

Strange Items Found

Crashed drone, toilet, rubber ducky with a rainbow unicorn mane, fire extinguisher, plastic succulent plants, air mattress, circular saw, kitchen playset, and five e-bikes.

Challenge Awards

Youth Challenge Awards

Most Volunteers

- 1 Toledo Early College HS
- 2 BSA Troop 66
- 3 Whitmer Science and Environmental Club

Awesome Effort

- 1 Toledo ZOOTEENS
- 2 BSA Troop 66
- 3 BSA Troop 62

Battle of the Bags

- 1 Toledo Early College HS
- 2 Toledo ZOOTEENS
- 3 BSA Troop 66

River Partner Certification

River Guardian (30-49 volunteers)
First Solar

Creek Crusader (1-9 volunteers)

Heritage Environmental Services
Jones & Henry Engineers

Collegiate Challenge Awards

Most Volunteers

- 1 UT Environmental Law Society
- 2 UT Engineering Council (UTEC) with Clean Water for the World
- 3 UT Phi Sigma Rho

Awesome Effort

- 1 UT Environmental Law Society
- 2 UTEC & Clean Water for the World
- 3 UT Phi Sigma Rho

Battle of the Bags

- 1 UT Environmental Law Society
- 2 BGSU Thompson Scholars
- 3 UT Phi Sigma Rho

Stream Protector (10-29 volunteers)

Civil & Environmental Consultants
Monroe Street UMC
NSG Glass North America
Ohio EPA Northwest District Office
Toledo Div. Environmental Services
Verdantas

About Partners for Clean Streams

PCS is a Northwest Ohio-based nonprofit working with local and state governments, schools, civic organizations, and other community groups to deliver a wide range of programs, projects, and outreach efforts to keep our water clear, clean, and safe. To learn more, visit us at PartnersForCleanStreams.org and follow @PCSMaumee on social media.

Partners for Clean Streams invites you to support the

Annual Clean Your Streams Day



If you are tired of all the trash along the streams in the area, you can be part of the difference. In the last twenty+ years, volunteers for **Clean Your Streams** have removed over 150 tons of trash from our local stream banks. **Clean Your Streams** is ideal for any organization, business associates, school groups, and university students wanting to get involved and give back to their community in a very visible and highly impactful way. An average of 1,000 volunteers of all ages clean our local rivers and we celebrate their achievements with an Appreciation Picnic. In addition to removing the trash from our rivers, all items were recorded and the data collected is used for further research with various state and international organizations. You can be part of the action and show your support for clean rivers by being a part of this year's **Clean Your Streams!**

<i>Donor Level</i>	<i>Amount of Contribution</i>	<i>Recognition for Your Company</i>
Partners for Clean Streams Community Partner	\$5000	Recognition by Logo on Event Posters for all PCS events Recognition by Logo on Event T-shirts for PCS events (as available) Recognition by Logo on Appreciation Posters at PCS Events Recognition by Logo on PCS web pages Verbal Recognition at PCS Events
CYS Underwriter	\$1000	Recognition by Logo on CYS Event Posters Recognition by Logo on CYS Event T-shirts (as available) Recognition by Logo on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Logo on CYS event web page Verbal Recognition at CYS Event
CYS Contributor	\$500	Recognition by Small Logo on CYS Event T-shirts Recognition by Small Logo on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Small Logo on CYS web page Verbal Recognition at CYS Event
CYS Supporter	\$250	Recognition by Name on CYS Event T-shirts Recognition by Name on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Name on CYS web page
CYS Patron	Any product or service donation	Recognition by Name on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Name on CYS web page

Note: Over 500 event posters and flyers will be distributed around the community, event t-shirts will be printed for all cleanup volunteers (approximately 900), and Appreciation Posters will be at all kickoff locations and the Appreciation Picnic.

Partners for Clean Streams is a local non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and is dedicated to improving the health of our local waterways. PCS has a significant presence in the community as a moderate, vibrant, and active environmental organization. By sponsoring **Clean Your Streams**, your business will be linked to our positive reputation within the community as a trusted and active environmental organization working towards clean, clear, and safe rivers for all.



Your donation should be made payable to

Partners for Clean Streams and sent to:

P.O. Box 203, Perrysburg, Ohio 43552-0203

Or can be made online at:

<http://partnersforcleanstreams.org/event-promotion>

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Proceeds, above and beyond direct expenses from CYS, will be used by PCS to further its mission of improving our area waterways. If you have questions or would like to discuss your contribution, please contact Kris Patterson at 419-874-0727. Thank you in advance for your support for this important event.