



Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

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Volunteer Stream Monitors NEEDED!

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council has added a volunteer stream monitoring program to its repertoire of water quality monitoring programs. Volunteer stream monitors will collect aquatic insects, snails, crustaceans and other small invertebrates, which are used as bio-indicators to gauge the health of a stream. The Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program's first field data collection will take place on Saturday, September 24 and the follow-up session will be held two weeks later on Saturday, October 8. Each session will take approximately a half-day. The program will continue in May of 2006 and then each spring and fall. This year the Watershed Council will start the program by monitoring tributaries of Lake Charlevoix, Mullett Lake and Torch Lake. Regardless of whether you live in or around those lakes, you can still participate in the program. No experience is required, only a desire to experience first-hand the magnificent stream ecosystems of northern Michigan. Interested individuals should contact Kevin at 231-347-1181, ext. 109 or by email at kevin@watershedcouncil.org.

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