

## SAMPLE EMAIL for 4-H2O

Dear [teacher name]:

We will be applying to be **teen teachers** in the TRY 4-H2O program. TRY stands for Teens Reaching Youth and it is a **teen-led environmental education program** designed to teach environmental literacy and responsibility to younger youth.

As part of our application we are required to identify two classrooms that are willing to have us teach the TRY lessons between January 1 – May 26, 2023. **We are hoping that you would allow us to teach your students!**

Let us tell you a little bit about the TRY 4-H2O program. The lessons are geared for students in **grades 3-4** and examines the water cycle, watersheds, water quality and health, aquatic life and water stewardship. There are 6 lessons, each approximately 1 hour. All lessons are hands-on, engaging and fun!

The six lessons, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards as well as support the Common Core Standards, are:

- The Water Cycle
  - *Students will understand the process of the water cycle and learn that human interaction with water leads to stories of water and experiences with local waters.*
- Watershed Wise
  - *Students will learn about different pollutants that affect water quality and will create a watershed model.*
- Exploring Water Use & Conservation
  - *Students will understand the amount of water daily activities use and learn how to track water use.*
- Aquatic Food Chains and Webs
  - *Students will understand connections in aquatic food webs and chains.*
- Stream Scientists – Understanding Stream Health
  - *Students will be able to identify water quality indicators (i.e., benthic macroinvertebrates) and will understand pollution tolerance levels as indicators of water quality.*
- Stewardship – Conserving and Protecting Our Waterways
  - *Students will consider how they can be stewards of the watershed and discuss best management practices for keeping the water in their everyday lives clean and healthy.*

Can we set up a time to discuss this further? Our application is due no later than November 7, 2022 so we would need a commitment from you before that date.

Thank you for your consideration!

[Your names and contact information]