

Nabbing Aquatic Invaders...All Year Long

Bryan Foli's 7th grade class, 7th hour at Edison Middle School
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Introduction to Stewardship Project

This project is a calendar that uses each month as an opportunity to educate people on the problems aquatic invasive species cause and what can be done to solve those problems.

Objectives

The University Of Illinois Students teaching this class wanted to allow their 7th grade students to be as creative as possible in making the project. In addition, they wanted to create a project that could reach a large audience and influence the community.

Student Activities

The picture associated with each month is an activity completed by a student. For example, students wrote limericks, created Wanted posters for species, created comic strips, or highlighted ways to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Students worked in groups to address several different species.

Outcome/Impact of the Project

The middle school students gained an understanding of aquatic invasive species through fun activities. Based on a survey given to students after the class, students had fun and they liked that they could go home and tell their families what they learned. The middle school students also enjoyed learning about something new and liked that college students were there helping.

