Exam day: Students test waters of Rouge

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Erin English took a look at green-brown river that slowly flowed beneath her feet.

"It looks sick," she said.

But Jason and Grant Patterson could think of a place where the Rouge River looked even worse.

"We're originally from Detroit. And there, you've got tires and all kinds of debris in the river," Jason said. "This doesn't look too bad."

Determining where Rouge pollution is worst — and best — was the goal last Thursday. The three science students were among more than 500 high schoolers who took samples from the environmentally-damaged river.

STUDENTS from Wayne and Oakland counties participated.

Donning gloves, Erin and the Patterson brothers drew water while their Redford Union classmates analyzed contamination levels in their samples.

The scene was repeated from Birmingham to Plymouth as students from Detroit Country Day, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, North Farmington, Plymouth-Salem, Southfield, Troy Athens and eight other high schools also sampled the Rouge in their communities.

Results will be entered into the University of Michigan's massive computer system, providing a first-ever index of contamination levels at various points along the Rouge.

EACH HIGH school, the university and the Detroit Water System will all have access to the computerized data. Students will be able to ask each other questions through the computer, Friends of the Rouge Director Bonnie Anderson said.

Selected students from each school will also meet for a face-to-face discussion May 16.

"It will get the kids to communicate about a resourse they all share," Anderson said. "We'll have kids from Troy talking with kids from River Rouge. Obviously, there's differences in the river between those communities. So, they'll be asking questions about why it's different and what they can do to change it."

WHILE UPSTREAM areas are only mildly contaminated, some downriver sites are clogged with bubbling, black waste, Anderson said.

Last week's event preceeds the Saturday, June 6 Rouge Rescue '87. On that day, an expected 5,000 volunteers will clear debris from the river and its banks.

Friends of the Rouge believes the sampling and clean-up projects will help spur government support for new sewers and expanded treatment plants.

"It's important for people to realize they can make a difference, not only by participating but by becoming better educated about the river," Anderson said. Toward that end, Friends of the Rouge recently received an $80,000 donation from Ford Motor Division. Anderson said $30,000 will be earmarked for education programs.

Cleanup won't be accomplished in a day or even a decade, Friends of the Rouge members concede. But they hope today's high schools will someday return as adults to use the Rouge for recreation.

"We projected it would take 20 years to clean up the Rouge," Anderson said. "And in 20 years, guess who the decision makers are going to be."

Janine Sorel, 15, holds a water sample holds a water sample while Chris Miller, 17, adds a reagent to test for oxygenation. They're Redford Union students.

Rouge Rescue '87: How you can join

Rouge Rescue '87 will occur Saturday, June 6.

Persons interested in participating can register in advance or on the day of the event.

Oakland County telephone numbers and registration sites are listed below.

- **Birmingham:** Call Coco Siewert, 642-7024 to register in advance. Registration will occur at the city metered parking lot, east of North Woodward, south of Oak, the day of the event.
- **Farmington:** Call Earl Billing, 473-7250, to register in advance. Registration will occur at Shiawassee Park, Power and Shiawassee Roads, the day of the event.
- **Farmington Hills:** Call Dale Countegan, 473-9520, to register in advance. Registration will occur at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile, the day of the event.
- **Southfield:** Call Steve Marshall, 354-9540, to register in advance. Registration will occur at Beech woods Park, southeast of the Beech/Nine Mile intersection, the day of the event.
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