Connecting with Teachers
“Perhaps the eighth intelligence is the intelligence within nature, the lessons waiting to be delivered if anyone shows up.”

Richard Louv
When & how to contact schools....

- Check school district website for contact information.
- Email or call directly to the science teacher.
- Email a request to principal who forwards request on to the science department.
- Write directly to science department chairperson.
Making contact......

- Call in the fall for a spring field trip date.
  Call in Oct. for a spring date.
- Call in the spring for a fall field trip date.
  Call in April for a fall date.
Equipment....

- Waders (students may wade in sandals if creek is shallow.)
- D-nets, ice cube trays, magnifiers, pan, I.D. charts, plastic spoons
- Stop watch, orange, 4 posts, string, measuring tape, yard stick
- Turbidity tube, pan/bucket
- Dissolved oxygen, thermometer
Just kids...
Tips on getting along…. 

- Don’t talk down to middle &/or high school students 
- Don’t be pushy…relax….have fun 
- Keep your sense of humor 
- Keep organized 
- Remember everyone has different learning styles…be flexible.
Limiting factors....

- Field trip philosophy.
- Schedule conflicts.
- Distance from water source.
- Money for buses and equipment.
Grants....

- eeinwisconsin.org
- Target field trip grants deadline Nov. 3, '09
- Dane county environmental grant program - Community Partners and Capital Equipment due date end of February
Group size and other details
Techniques…

- Normal class size = 25-30
- Need 4-5 volunteers for above numbers.
- Each group does every test.
- Or round robin…each site is a separate test.
- Depending on travel time, 1/2 day covers
- Pre-flight is best
- Post-field trip needed to wrap up.
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Don’t forget the pictures…
QUESTIONS????