

Water, precious water . . .

Since the beginning of time water has helped to create and sustain life, its power has sculpted the surface of our planet, and its serenity has brought us peace. We are constantly calling upon water to cleanse our bodies, quench our thirst, and produce our food. Without water, our planet would be devoid of life, but with water, life flourishes.

Water quality affects all of us – one way or another. “All of us” includes all living things, from the largest whale to the smallest amoeba, from tiny duckweed to the tallest redwoods. Although the quantity of water on earth will never change, its distribution and quality affect us all. With 97.5% of the global water supply tied up in saltwater resources, and nearly 2% of freshwater frozen in glaciers, it is very important to manage, monitor, and protect the remaining 0.5% of freshwater that is available to us. The absence of usable water would be the same as having no water at all.

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Making waves across Iowa **IOWATER** *Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring*



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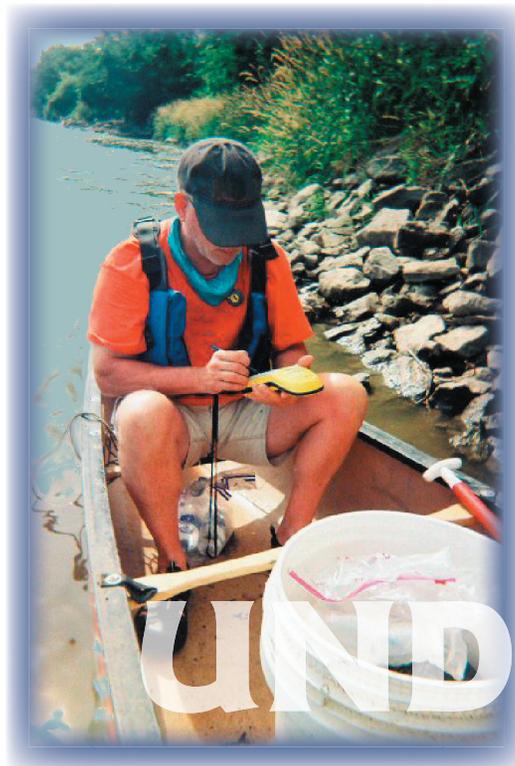
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whenever you choose. The program brings people closer to the landscapes that surround them and encourages them to develop a sense of place within the watersheds where they live. This tie between ourselves and the water resources that give us life will lead to the understanding, respect, and protection of Iowa's water bodies long into the future.

Becoming involved in IOWATER is easy – workshops are held throughout the year at various locations across the state. To register, just contact the local facilitator listed on the



IOWATER Volunteers make waves

Iowa's volunteer water quality monitoring program, IOWATER, empowers citizens to take a proactive approach to water quality. By monitoring the water resources in our backyards, we can ensure the protection of high quality water resources, and learn how to improve lower quality resources. By becoming an IOWATER volunteer, you are not only provided with monitoring equipment, but are also given the freedom to monitor wherever and

IOWATER Schedule at www.iowater.net. Walk in an IOWATER workshop as a citizen, and walk out as an IOWATER Certified Volunteer Water Quality Monitor.

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