



## Vermont Drinking Water Week Fair Invite

Friday, May 8, 2026 at Veterans Memorial Park, South Burlington

### Theme: Water: Our Story

The Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee invites youth and educators in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade to join us on Friday, May 8, 2026 for a day of fun and festivities learning about Vermont's drinking water and the importance of water in our lives. This year's theme is "Water: Our Story."

### What is the Vermont Drinking Water Week Fair?

Vermont Drinking Water Week Fair is a field trip opportunity for youth from across Vermont to spend a day outside engaging in hands-on activities that explore different facets of drinking water. Participants will visit multiple stations with their assigned group. The stations will examine the role water plays in their lives, how they can help conserve this vital resource, as well as careers in the water industry. Winners of the Vermont Drinking Water Week poster contest are also announced at the Fair. Some of the activity topics include:

💧 The Water Cycle 💧 Watersheds 💧 Water Filtration 💧 Weight of Water 💧 What's Your Water Footprint? 💧 Direct and Indirect Water Use 💧 Water Microbiology 💧 And more!

### Location

Veterans Memorial Park, 1000 Dorset St, South Burlington, VT 05403  
(Map and details upon registering)

\*After navigating a rainy Fair in 2025, the Vermont DWW Committee is excited to share that tents have been rented for 2026 to ensure a comfortable and educational experience for all participants, regardless of the weather.

### Schedule

~9:00am–11:00am	Groups arrive and visit activity stations
~11:30am–noon	Lunch and presentation of poster contest awards
~Noon–2:00pm	Resume activity stations
~2:00pm	Depart and safe trip home

*\*We can accommodate school groups that need to arrive later or depart earlier.*

### Registration

Vermont Drinking Water Week Fair is FREE thanks to our generous sponsors and volunteers. Reservations are required due to site limitations and will be capped at the first 175 youth. Space will be reserved for groups with individuals who are receiving an award for the poster contest, and they will have the right of first refusal. To register for this event, please email Allison Smith at [vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com](mailto:vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com) or call 802.660.4988 ext.337. The deadline to register is Friday, April 24, 2026 or until all spots are filled.

## Chaperone Requirements

Vermont Drinking Water Week requires that groups that attend have a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 5 youth. Schools are responsible for student behavior so please bring enough chaperones to meet your students' needs. Chaperones must be at least 18 years old. Thank you for helping us with this to ensure your students have adequate support and enjoy the event safely.

## Weather Policy

This event takes place rain or shine. We have rented a tent this year to provide more coverage for light rain and to provide more shade. We ask that all participants come prepared to enjoy activities in sun or rain, hot or cold. This event is only cancelled in cases of extreme weather, such as lightning, extreme rain, or cold.

## Lunch

Lunch is not provided. All participants should bring their lunch and plenty of drinking water with them. Lunch will also take place outside.

## Resources

More educational resources, including toolkits for teachers, can be found at <https://vtruralwater.org/education/>.

## Questions?

Contact Allison Smith at [vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com](mailto:vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com) or call 802.660.4988 ext.337. Please feel free to share this announcement with your colleagues and help us spread the word!

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