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Dear Educator,

Nearly a decade ago, the Agency of Natural Resources hosted Science on the Green, a free, daylong exploration of science for more than 300 Vermont students in Waterbury, VT. After Tropical Storm Irene struck, the Agency was no longer able to host the event. This year, we're happy to announce that we're partnering with the Agency of Education to host <u>Science on the</u> <u>Green</u> this fall. The event will be Thursday, September 26, 2019, at North Branch Nature Center and the Montpelier Recreation Fields.

Science on the Green allows students to explore science, the environment and the actions we can all take to protect our planet. The event will provide hands-on opportunities for students to engage in environmental science and learn how science plays a critical role in environmental protection. The workshops will be led by Agency staff and specifically designed to empower young people to be stewards of the environment by taking environmental action in their schools and local communities.

Teachers can choose a track that aligns with their units of study and best fits student interests. All activities are linked to the Next Generation Science Standards. Please see <u>the workshop list</u> for specific standards.

Science on the Green will happen rain or shine. All workshops will be held outside. Students should dress for the weather with proper footwear and warm layers, raincoats or sunscreen if necessary. The event starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. Participants will need to bring a waste-free lunch and water. Tips on packing a waste-free lunch will be provided after registration.

- WHAT: Science on the Green 2019
- WHEN: Thursday, September 26, 2019
- WHERE: North Branch Nature Center & the Montpelier Recreation Fields, Montpelier VT
- WHO: Open to 6-8th grade teachers and students



For more information, including the list of workshops and to register for the event, visit <u>anr.vermont.gov/content/science-green</u>. Contact Rebecca Roy at <u>Rebecca.Roy@vermont.gov</u> if you have any questions. Many thanks to the North Branch Nature Center for the use of their facilities.

We invite you to bring your 6th-8th graders to this fun event celebrating science and the environment.

Hope to see you there,

**Julie Moore** Agency of Natural Resources Secretary

**Dan M. French, Ed.D**. Secretary of Education

