



Heather Wilton from Ontario Streams (left) and Brittany Hope from the Nature Conservancy of Canada examine benthic macroinvertebrates from Mill Creek. Photo: Dorthea Hangaard

OSS Environmental Science Program visits Mill Creek

Philly Stephens is not only a member of the Copeland Water Team, but the Environmental Science Teacher at Orillia Secondary School.

On May 16th she brought 30 students to Scout Valley to study Water Quality Monitoring, and Benthic Macroinvertebrates.

Meagan and Dorthea taught half the students about water quality issues and to use our Lamotte Water Kits, while Philly, Brittany Hope, and Heather Wilton led the rest of the students in collecting the benthics.

Do you remember what Benthic Macroinvertebrates are? They are aquatic animals visible to the naked eye, without a vertebrae, who live on the bottom (the benthos) of the stream. In September we will be bringing all of you together with Brittany, Heather, and Paula Madill from Severn Sound Environmental Association, to study benthics at your site. You won't want to miss it!

