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2026 OCEAN WEEK CANADA WATER RANGERS HIGHLIGHTS





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Celebrating Ocean Week together!

From June 1 to 8, 2026, communities from coast to coast to coast came together to test the water, learn something new, and celebrate their connection to the ocean. Inland or on the coasts, everyone had a reason to dive in!



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Our impact

2,500

People reached at
in-person events

59,000

People reached
online

16

Mini grants
awarded

110

Testkits and
tools sent

26

Events led or
supported by
Water Rangers

4

Events offered in
Indigenous
languages



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Events across the country!



Community grantee events



Water Rangers led events



Water Rangers supported events



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FEATURED EVENT

OTTAWA CELEBRATION!

We brought big ocean energy to the Ottawa Sign and it did not disappoint! Families came out for a full day of water testing, crafts, a giant ocean floor map, face painting, and live music from Music.Art.Ppl, alongside the Canadian Museum of Nature, Let's Talk Science, Ocean Wise, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Watersheds Canada, and the Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition. **What a day!**



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Casablanca Beach clean-up

When one of our Lake Erie Rangers flagged that Casablanca Beach needed some love, the community showed up and delivered! Together, they cleared a whopping 110 lbs of waste and left the beach better than they found it. That's community in action!



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River walk on the Assiniboine

We joined the organizers of the "Rivers are connectors of land, water and people" IAGLR-SCAS conference session in Winnipeg for a river walk along the Assiniboine in Winnipeg. People joined us to learn about benthic monitoring, try out Water Rangers kits, and, most importantly, reflect on our personal connections with water. Rivers are connectors of more than land!



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Spanish Banks testing

Water testing and a beach cleanup at Spanish Banks in Vancouver? Yes please! We teamed up with Surfrider to showcase our water monitoring tools, test the water, and then roll up our sleeves and leave the beach better than we found it. Because that's just what Water Rangers do!



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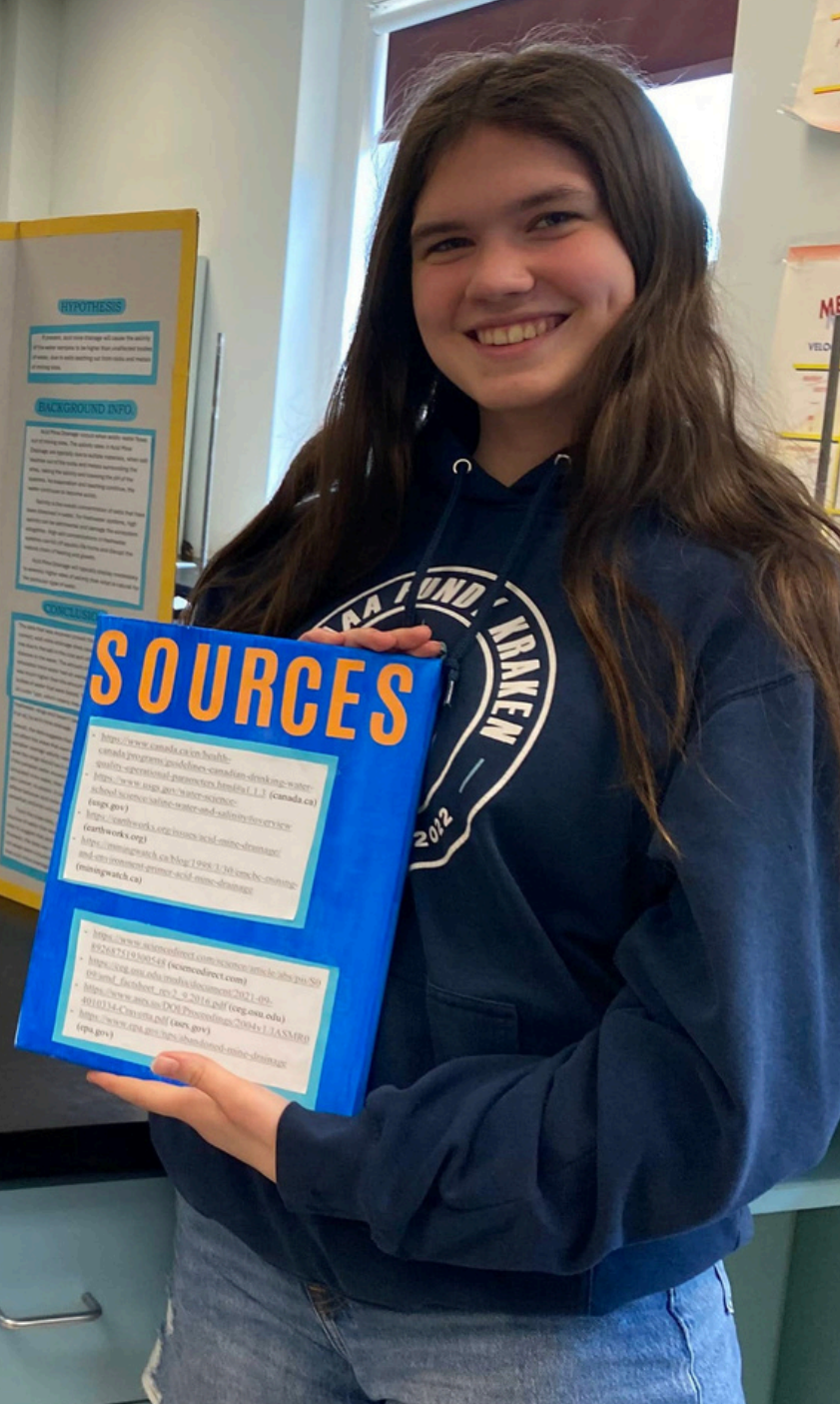
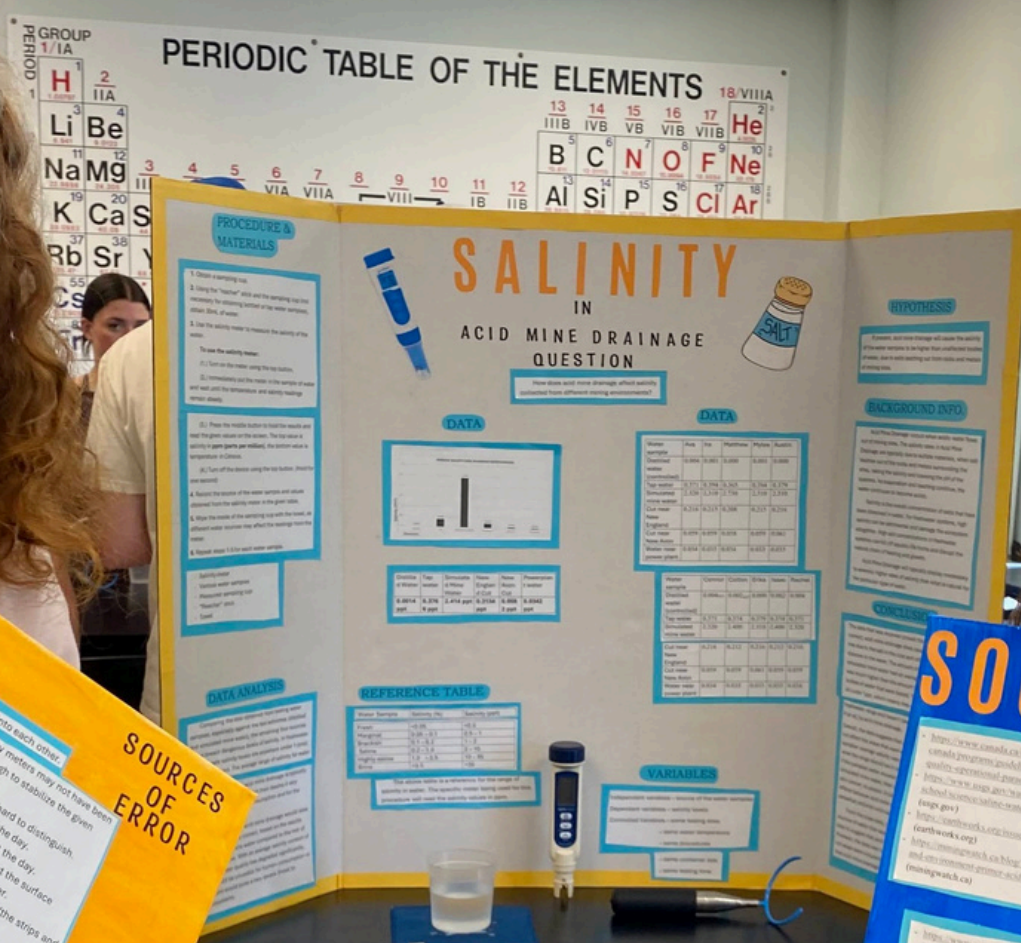
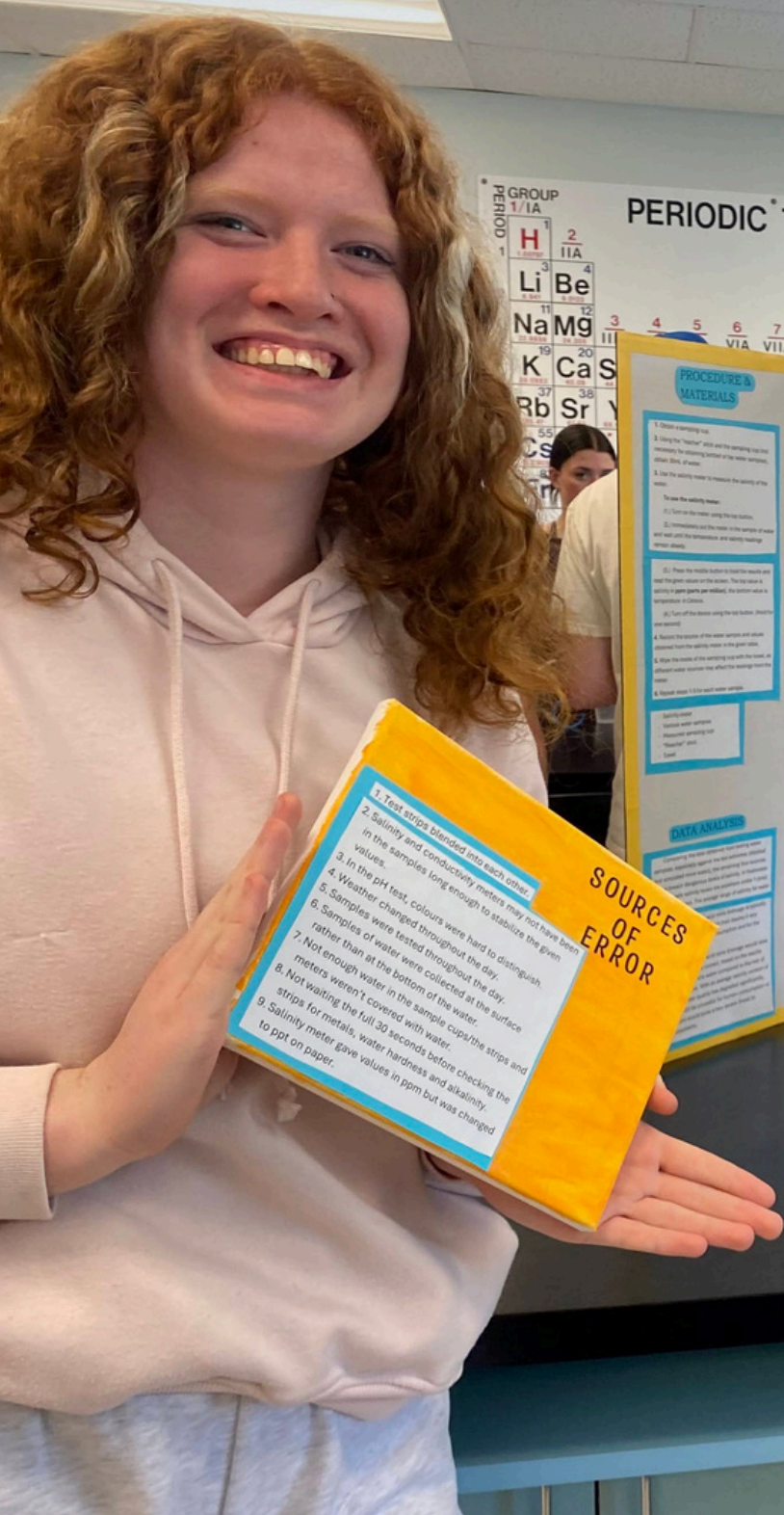
Splash days

The Hammond River Angling Association in New Brunswick reminded us exactly why we do what we do! Watching young people light up with curiosity and excitement about protecting freshwater. Stewardship starts somewhere, and for many of these students, it started here!



Mines, rivers and the ocean

Students from Minto Memorial High School in New Brunswick used Water Rangers kits to dig into the real-world impacts of acid mine drainage on water quality. They took their kits right out to the site to collect samples firsthand and reported on what they found. Hands-on, meaningful, and memorable!



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Ship2Shores

Broad Reach Canada's Ships2Shores program took Ocean Week Canada out on the water in the best way possible! As part of their sail training in Toronto, youth got hands on with water sampling and marine conservation programming, exploring the connection between local waterways and ocean health. Experiential learning at its finest!



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False Creek Festival

Vancouver showed up for the water in a big way! The False Creek Friends Society hosted a festival, bringing families and water lovers together for a day of water testing, face painting, kid friendly activities, the giant ocean floormap, and a chance for partner organizations to showcase their work. A fantastic celebration of False Creek and the waters that connect us all!



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Library lending kits

Libraries got in on the action this year! Over 30 libraries across the country offered Water Rangers kits to their patrons through our partnership with Ocean Week Canada and TD's Summer Reading Club, bringing freshwater science right to the community. Pictured here is an excited group from Clearview Public Library, kits in hand and ready to hit the water!





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Ocean Week was a blast!

Thanks for celebrating
with us! See you next year!

