

Yonkers eel survey Sunday



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Groundwork Hudson Valley's Science Barge in Yonkers is running an American eel program Sundays through the end of April.

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program and the Science Barge crew are teaming up to collect information about eels, while offering the public firsthand experience with their local ecosystem.

The events run Sundays from 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the Science Barge.

Attendees will be making and using eel mops, docile traps that mimic juvenile eel habitat. These special devices are set in the water and checked often to help reduce the species' decline.

American eel larvae make a 2,000 mile migration from the Sargasso Sea to freshwater streams. These larvae are known as glass eel due to their see-through appearance.

The Science Barge crew will catch, count, and release glass eels as they enter the Saw Mill River.

All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Bob Walters at 914-513-7354 or at 99 Dock St. on the Science Barge.