



## What is Austin Youth River Watch?

Austin Youth River Watch is a multi-year, after-school and summer program for high school students, combining peer mentoring with intensive environmental education.

Our students collect, analyze, and publish water-quality data from Austin-area streams and rivers. They report their data to local and statewide agencies.

Guided by a volunteer Board of community leaders, the mission of Austin Youth River Watch is to advance personal and academic achievement through environmental monitoring, education, and adventure.

## What do River Watchers do?

Our student participants – the River Watchers – start out by learning the basics of water-quality monitoring. As trainees, they learn skills and knowledge from their fellow students, visiting scientists, and our staff of professional educators. Many River Watchers stay in the program throughout high school, eventually becoming peer mentors themselves.

Austin Youth River Watch combines environmental education with drop-out prevention. It is a safe place for teenagers to grow and gain confidence while learning to be active stewards of our planet. We strive for every one of our River Watchers to finish high school and prepare for a successful, fulfilling life.

## How can you get involved?

**Volunteer!** Community members can help out in a variety of ways, from event participation to project assistance and ongoing involvement with our educational programs.

**Spread the word!** Tell your friends and colleagues about what we do. Share our news and events through Facebook, Twitter (@RiverWatchers), and other media channels.

**Invest!** Are you interested in the environment and youth empowerment? Does your family, company, or foundation expect a big impact from its community investments? If so, financial support of Austin Youth River Watch may be right for you. Drop us a line, and let's discuss your options.



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