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PRESS ADVISORY

Queens High School Students to Release Trout They Have Raised In Their Classrooms into Alley Pond Creek

“Trout in the Classroom” raised from eggs at John Bowne High School in Flushing to get a fond farewell in Queens park

Date/Time:	May 2nd, 9:30 AM
Location:	Alley Pond Park, Queens
Directions:	When eastbound on the LIE, exit at Douglaston Pkwy. At traffic light go left on Douglaston. Immediately turn left onto LIE Service Road westbound. After entering LIE Service Road westbound, the first turn off to the right – before the entrance to the Cross Island Pkwy – is a small park road where the trout release will take place. Turn off before the Cross Island Pkwy.

Students from John Bowne H.S. in Queens will release brook trout that they have raised in their classrooms as part of the “Trout in the Classroom” educational program by Trout Unlimited and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Teachers who participate in this program receive trout eggs in the fall. Their students raise and care for the trout all school year and then in the spring travel to streams to release the small trout fingerlings. In an age where urban children are losing contact with the natural environment, “Trout in the Classroom” brings the natural world directly into classrooms.

Beyond an academic understanding, students grow to love and care for their trout. As the program progresses, students learn to see connections between trout, water resources, the environment and themselves. During the release of the trout, students assess the stream health by measuring various factors, such as temperature, turbidity, pH and the macroinvertebrate populations.