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PRESS ADVISORY

Students from New York City, Westchester and Putnam to Release Trout They Have Raised In Their Classrooms

“Trout in the Classroom” raised from eggs to get a fond farewell in Cross River

Dates:	May 15 – May 19
Location:	Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Pound Ridge, Westchester
Directions:	Take I-684 to Exit 6, then Route 35 East for about 4 miles to Route 121 South. Ward Pound Ridge Reservation is on the left. Go to Kimberly Bridge Picnic Area.

Students from throughout the region will release brook and brown trout that they have raised in their classrooms as part of the “Trout in the Classroom” educational program by Trout Unlimited, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Headwaters Initiative, Theodore Gordon Flyfishers and Westchester County Parks.

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 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. They also study the nearby forest habitat.

Students will be arriving all week at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation from throughout New York City, Westchester and Putnam to release trout into the Cross River. A schedule for the week follows on the next page.

Schedule of “Trout in the Classroom” trout releases

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at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation:

Monday, May 15

9:00 AM – Fulmar Road Elementary (Mahopac), 4th grade

11:00 AM – Studio School (Manhattan), middle grades

Noon – PS 10 (Brooklyn), 4th and 2nd grades

Tuesday, May 16

10:00 AM – Carrie E. Thompkins Elementary (Croton-on-Hudson), 3rd grade

11:00 AM – Institute for Collaborative Education

(Manhattan), 9th grade

Noon – Brooklyn New School (Brooklyn), 4th grade

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 AM – Fox Meadow Elementary (Scarsdale), kindergarten

11:00 AM – PS 124 (Brooklyn), 7th grade

Thursday, May 18

10:00 AM – Brookside School (Ossining), 2nd grade

Noon – High School for Environmental Studies (Manhattan)

Friday, May 19

9:00 AM – Seven Bridges (Chappaqua), 6th grade

10:00 AM – Post Road Elementary (White Plains), 5th grade

11:00 AM – Lab School (Manhattan), 7th grade

11:00 AM – PS 116 (Manhattan), 3rd grade