

The Environmental Study Team is an extracurricular group of high school students with a mission to improve the local environment, enjoy the outdoors, and instill a sense of environmental awareness in the community.

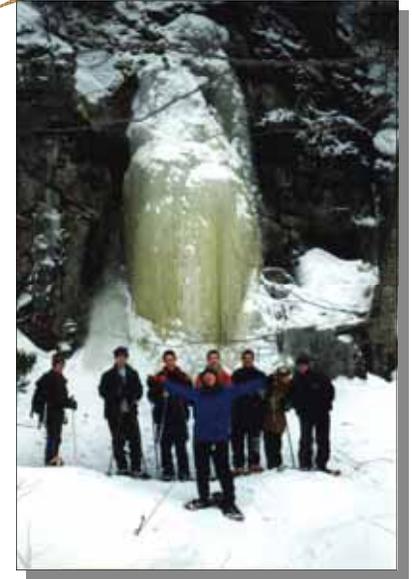
Chapters from various schools and nonprofits execute this mission by selecting, planning and implementing projects and activities, often in association with other environmental organizations.

This dynamic network is an effective means of fostering environmental educational experiences and stewardship, while directly benefiting the community and the environment.



Preparing plywood for bat house construction.

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Snowshoeing Chubb Lake Mountain.

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EST is currently involved with:

- Hudson Basin River Watch (HBRW)
- Trout Unlimited (TU)
- Bat Conservation International (BCI)
- American Littoral Society (ALS)
- The Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks (APA)
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)
- National Envirothon
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)



Identifying macroinvertebrates, an indicator of water quality.

Some EST highlights:

- As a direct result of *EST*'s Indian Kill study, The Schenectady County Water Quality Committee has convened to address the study's results and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation conducted a confirmatory follow-up study of the Indian Kill.
- *EST* members routinely participate in County Envirothons and *EST* teams have advanced to the State finals.
- *EST* is working with Bat Conservation International as a research associate. *EST* constructs, sells, and installs bat houses to promote the preservation of the bat population and to provide data to BCI about bat habitation in the area.

"the project resulted in increased awareness of the stream as a resource, was well designed and executed, and stands as a valid scientific study."

Robert W. Bode,
Research Scientist III
NYS DEC, on the
Indian Kill Study



- *EST* is involved in numerous outdoor activities involving environmental education and awareness including snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, and camping in the Adirondacks and Catskill Mountains. Members accompanied Al Hicks, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation wildlife biologist, on a snowshoe moose hike, and have met several times with the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks at the Paul Schaefer house.

"I would like to continue to be active in an environmental group like this for a while."

Jason Spangler,
Student
Niskayuna High
School

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