



# Celebrate National Drinking Water Week May 6 - May 12



Each year the Portland Water District provides a week-long series of activities honoring our mission to educate the public about the benefits of maintaining safe, clean water. Take advantage of this opportunity to understand the world of water all around you!



## Fins, Flippers, and Fishprints

**MONDAY, MAY 7**

Chewonki educators will teach you about special adaptations used by marine animals. Then, you can help construct a REAL 20-foot Pilot Whale skeleton! Attendees can print their own one-of-a-kind fish t-shirt.

*Bring your own t-shirt (paper will be available). Best suited for children age 7-15.*

### WHEN:

10:00 a.m. – noon

### WHERE:

Jeff P. Nixon  
Development Center  
225 Douglass Street  
Portland

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



## Roll out the Rain Barrels

**TUESDAY, MAY 8**

Tour our rain garden and rain barrel demonstrations as you learn about a major source of water pollution in Maine – storm water. As rain runs across developed areas, it picks up pollutants and carries them to our waterways. Rain barrels and rain gardens are beautiful ways to reduce runoff!

*If you pre-ordered your own rain barrel, it will be ready for pick-up during National Drinking Water Week.*

### WHEN:

10:00 a.m. – noon

### WHERE:

Sebago Lake  
Ecology Center  
Standish

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



## Tiptoe through the Tadpoles, Salamanders, and Magical Fairy Shrimp

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**

First, learn about vernal pools and their inhabitants from PWD environmentalists. Then, take a guided tour of vernal pools nearby. You will meet the wildlife unique to these delicate ecosystems, and you will learn how these and other wetlands contribute to a healthy environment.

*All ages welcome. Proper outdoor clothing and water-proof boots are recommended.*

### WHEN:

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### WHERE:

Sebago Lake  
Ecology Center  
Standish

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



## Trout Day

**THURSDAY, MAY 10**

Get an intimate glimpse into trout stocking by attending the release of fry (baby trout) raised by local students. Then learn how students and scientists check water quality in the field.

*Space is very limited, so register early. Time and location to be determined.*

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Photo courtesy of Jack McKeown

## Birds of Prey: Legends and Lore

**FRIDAY, MAY 11**

Chewonki educators will introduce you to four live birds of prey. Learn how their lifestyles are interrelated with water! Hear a special reading of Wind Bird-Gift of the Mist; a new book telling the Pasamaquoddy story about the mist seen on lakes and rivers.

*Best suited for children age 7-15.*

### WHEN:

10:00 a.m. – noon

### WHERE:

Sebago Lake Ecology  
Center  
Standish

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## Sebago Lake Water Treatment Facility Tour

**Tuesday, May 8**

Tour PWD's state-of-the-art, Ozone treatment facility and explore the inner workings of water treatment and quality.

Best suited for high school students and adults.

### WHEN:

2:00 p.m.

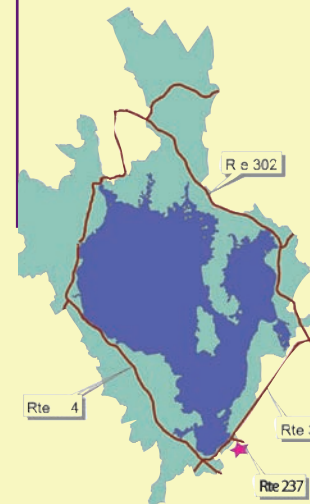
### WHERE:

Sebago Lake  
Water Treatment  
Facility, Standish

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Reservations Required For All Events • [sebagolake@pwd.org](mailto:sebagolake@pwd.org) • 774-5961 ext. 3324**

Outdoor activities will be held rain or shine, unless the weather is severe. Please call if the weather is questionable. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided at all events. The Sebago Lake Ecology Center and the Sebago Lake Water Treatment Facility are located at the intersection of routes 237 and 35 in Standish.



TEST YOUR WATER KNOWLEDGE AND PLAY THE WATER WIZARDS CONTESTS!

- ★ How much does a gallon of water weigh?
- ★ How many towns are in the Sebago Lake watershed?
- ★ Are you Water Wise?
- ★ Are you good at finding information on the web?

Test your water knowledge and play the *Water Wizards Contests!*

*Water Wizards Contest* + *Kids Water Wizards Contest*

Kids 12 and under

TO PLAY: Just log on to [www.pwd.org](http://www.pwd.org) and answer the *Water Wizards* questions. Completed (and correct) entries will be entered into drawings. Contest ends May 1, 2007, prizes awarded May 7, 2007.

### WIN

- ★ **Four tickets for a cruise of Casco Bay aboard the Bagheera.** The Bagheera is an 88-foot schooner built in Boothbay Harbor in the 1920s. She has crossed the Atlantic, cruised areas of the Pacific, including the Galapagos, and spent many years in the Caribbean Sea. The Bagheera now sails Casco Bay for the Portland Schooner Company.
- ★ **\$75.00 gift certificate to the Discovery Store at the Maine Mall (kids' contests).**



Enter today! For full details and rules, visit [www.pwd.org](http://www.pwd.org)



# Celebrate!

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- ★ Attend one of several FREE events during the week.
- ★ Test your water knowledge. Play the *Water Wizards* game and take a chance at two great prizes.



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