Stream Team 821: The Hellbenders

4 students plus Dr. Dry were present at the first Hellbenders meeting this year on September 10, 2012.

We briefly discussed the constitution of Stream Team 821. A copy of the constitution can be found on our website at [www.hellbenders.weebly.com](http://www.hellbenders.weebly.com)

We are an environmental awareness organization dedicated to education of the importance of environmental friendly practices within our community. We have adopted Dodd Creek on campus to maintain (keep clean and healthy). Explore our website for more information.

We discussed ways to gain more visibility on campus to increase membership and awareness of the organization.

* New **Flyers**
* **“Plug”** the group in class (with permission from instructor, especially helpful in teaching and/or science professions
* **Food booth at next week’s “Listen at Lunch”** where we will serve food and hand out information pamphlets about Stream Team. Dr. Dry offered to make Nachos for the booth. Kailey and Katherine offered to help at the booth. Anyone wanting to bring food may do so. A refridgerator is available the office beside the book store in Roller Hall.

We discussed main goals for the academic year:

* Presence at “Kid’s Bash” (In need of game ideas associated with education of Stream cleanliness etc)
* Hosting the girl scouts for a stream cleanup of Dodd Creek (including an educational “lecture” or point-source pollution model). Kailey will make the contact with the girl scout leader/s4
* Earth day event – members should be thinking about an event we could arrange for Earth day (April 25th ?) (A student mentioned something to do with bottled water – recycling awareness)
* To research and conclude who is responsible for Dodd Creek (restoration, erosion-preventing vegetation, scenic trail). Could include a meeting with the mayor and campus officials to resolve issue.

We will need to elect officers as soon as we gain more membership or at our next meeting. Please be thinking of these responsibilities and who may fulfill them well. The offices are as follows:

* President
* Vice-President
* Secretary-Treasurer
* Historian (Who will be in charge of maintaining the website)

**Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25. Please plan to recruit a friend. ☺**