As a 4-H Citizen Scientist you’ll work in a stream near your home to monitor water quality. The information you collect will be added to data from other scientists around the state to help improve the conditions of our waterways and streams in Illinois.

The program is open to junior high and high school youth and interested adults who will organize in teams of five to eight kids and one or two adults. 4-H, with the help of Illinois RiverWatch will train you during one 7-hour workshop.

With financial help from Archer Daniels Midland, each team will receive the Citizen Scientist Toolkit which has all the supplies you need to collect and analyze your samples. You will wade through streams collecting water samples to determine the overall health of the stream and identify problems your community and watershed may be facing.

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