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Youth Bureau Sponsors 3rd Annual Trash Dash 5K

CANTON, NEW YORK- On April 22nd and 23rd, the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau invites you to join them for a weekend of walking and cleaning up roadside trash. Residents will register and select one of five county locations. Three locations are offered on Saturday, April 22nd, at 9:30 am, in Gouverneur, Rensselaer Falls, and Potsdam. On Sunday, April 23rd, two locations are offered in Massena and Ogdensburg at 1:30 pm.

This year's Trash Dash falls on Earth Day which is Saturday, April 22nd. Earthday.org (EDO), recently announced the theme for Earth Day 2023, "Invest in Our Planet" and encourages governments, businesses, schools, and citizens to do their part in environmental conservation because everyone is accountable.

Last year, approximately 100 participants collected 821 pounds of trash. Participants and organizations included Heuvelton Boy Scouts, Gouverneur High School Honor Society, Teen Ambassadors, PAL of Massena, and Reality Check.

"This is a great opportunity to make a personal contribution to a cleaner environment, especially within our local communities. Our teens appreciate having service projects especially ones that are environmentally friendly and fosters civic pride. This also creates connectedness with individuals of all ages who are coming together for a good cause," said Alexa Backus Chase, Youth Bureau Director.

Adults, families, teens, and organization teams are welcome to participate. Email RZuhlsdorf@stlawco.org to register or call 315.379.9464 with questions. Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 4th. Parking and specific site locations can be found when registering online. Mandatory safety training is offered the day of the event.

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