

Stockton Tech Trek Camper's Project Now Collecting Water for Farmingdale School Garden

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Galloway, N.J. - Madison Huff, 13, an eighth grader at the Farmingdale School, is turning a summer camp project into a year-long school lesson.

Over the summer NJ American Water granted Stockton University \$10,000 to support its summer Tech Trek camp course called "Our Water." As part of the project students made rain barrels, which they were asked to take home and use in their communities.

Huff donated hers to the Farmingdale School where it is now being used to collect water for the school garden.

Recently Claudine Keenan, Dean of the School of Education at Stockton, AAUW Tech Trek Director Ann Marchesani and Michael Roberti from NJ American Water visited the school to see how the rain barrel is being used.

Farmingdale school superintendent Edith Conroy and science teacher Lauren Massa said each grade has a plot of land in the garden, and the rain barrel will be used to water the plants. Eighth graders will also use it for their "Human Impact" unit in which they study problems created by humans and brainstorm solutions.

Huff said she plans to be an environmental engineer, and the "Our Water" project and Tech Trek camp fit her interests perfectly.

"I met an environmental engineer, and I learned I want to study water," Huff said. "With global warming, it's important."

Tech Trek is coordinated by Stockton and the American Association of University Women Atlantic and Cape May County branches, with support from private donors.



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