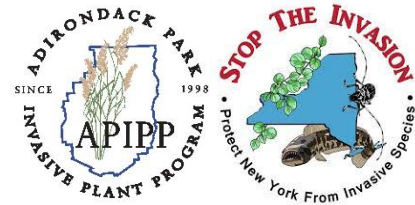


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Invasive Species Awareness Week Events Announced for the Adirondacks

July 9th-15th, 2017

Keene Valley, NY – New York State’s fourth annual Invasive Species Awareness Week (ISAW) will take place July 9th-15th. The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) is collaborating with various partner organizations to offer more than 15 invasive species related events, including [Backcountry Water Monitors Training](#), [Terrestrial Invasive Plant ID & Survey Training](#), [Lake Champlain Water Chestnut Paddle & Pull](#), and [Adirondack Invaders Day](#) at The Wild Center. For the full list visit [APIPP’s calendar of events](#) or view the ISAW [events flyer](#).

APIPP will also provide educational booths at regional venues such as the [Old Forge Farmers Market](#), and at the [Adirondack Experience](#), [the Museum on Blue Mountain Lake](#), during [Labastille Day](#). Invasive species experts will be available to provide information, answer questions, and identify specimens. Boaters and anglers are encouraged to pay a visit to a local boat launch steward or any of the free [boat inspection and wash stations](#) located throughout the region, to learn about aquatic invasive species prevention and to ensure their boats and gear are clean, drained, and dry. Those looking to participate from home can watch [Making Waves](#), a documentary about the impacts of invasive species on the Great Lakes, airing on Mountain Lakes PBS on July 9, from 3:00 – 5:00.

Invasive species are non-native plants and animals that can harm the economy, ecology, and residents of New York and the Adirondack region. They can be spread unknowingly through everyday activities such as moving soil and fill, transporting firewood, moving watercraft between multiple waterbodies, and gardening or landscaping with exotic plants. Through participation in an ISAW event, you will learn what simple steps you can take to prevent the spread and how to quickly respond to new infestations.

Invasive Species Awareness Week is a collaborative effort of entities across the state working together to protect New York from the harmful impacts of invasive species. The goal of ISAW is to promote knowledge and understanding of invasive species and the harm they can cause by engaging citizens in a wide range of activities across the state, and empowering them to take action to stop the invasion. This year there something for everyone, so be sure to check out [APIPP’s calendar of events](#) to find out how you can participate!

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