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Peace Students Participate in Clean-Up Day

Members of Queen of Peace High School's Environmental Task Force participated in an environmental clean-up day at the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Saturday, Sept. 25. Peace's students worked with the Forest Preserve and Friends of the Chicago Portage. Queen of Peace is currently the largest group working at the site, which is located at Portage Woods Forest Preserve and Ottawa Trail Woods Forest Preserve in Lyons (4800 S. Harlem).

This trip was intended to teach students to take responsibility for the stewardship of the earth and its resources by cleaning up and restoring biodiversity at the Portage Historic Site.

The following 18 students participated in the clean-up day: Diana Aguirre, Melissa Arrieta, Brianna Bell, Natalie Benitez, Sarah Stang, Jeanne Tapia, Samantha Seggerson, Deja Brown, Andrea Serratos, Nora Fiorella, Tiara Moore, Sheila Silva, Marisol Campos, Athena Vo, Tamara Coleman, Jenny Aguilera, Jessica Douglas, and Arianna Villareal.

As volunteers of the Cook County Forest Preserve, the students spent the morning removing brush, sawing branches and clearing an area near the water for visitors to view. As members of the Friends of the Portage Site, Peace's students help maintain the site, which they have adopted, and make sure the trails are clear of pollution and debris.

Environmental Task Force members demonstrate concern regarding environmental issues by promoting recycling efforts and completing conservation projects, which support local communities. Each year, the students participate in environmental workshops offered through the Chicago River Student Congress.

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Members of Queen of Peace High School's Environmental Task Force clear brush during a clean-up day at the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Saturday, Sept. 25.