

Cary Institute teams with Walkway over the Hudson

POUGHKEEPSIE — As part of an innovative environmental education program, students from the city of Poughkeepsie are serving as docents on the Walkway Over the Hudson. Through the summer and into the fall, students in grades five to 12 will be teaching the public about the ecology of the Hudson River watershed.

Developed by Cornelia Harris, an educator at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, the Walkway Ecology Team (WET) is funded by the Open Space Institute.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students of different ages to work together and to teach the public about the beautiful Hudson River," Harris said.

Students applied in the spring to be a part of the program, par-

ticipated in a training session at Waryas Park and teach about the Hudson River during six evening sessions on the Walkway. Topics change every two weeks, and the students are educating Walkway-goers about everything from invasive species and tides to water quality. At the end of the experience, in celebration of their hard work, the students will take a

sail on the Clearwater Sloop.

The Walkway Ecology Team is on the Walkway Over the Hudson on Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. The remaining sessions are on the following Fridays: Aug. 19, Sept. 2, 9 and 23.

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