

Yonkers Science Barge opens Saturday for the season



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Young citizen-scientists will be given a bag of oysters to measure over the summer and students from Hastings

High School share their work with oysters.

The barge's greenhouse will feature wildlife from the Greenburgh Nature Center.

Visitors will be able to learn about the effects of climate change at seven new exhibits aboard the Science Barge.

Groundwork Hudson Valley, the operator of the barge, was one of six organizations nationwide to win a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to teach climate change and resiliency, in partnership with the nearby Center for the Urban River at Beczak.

The events start at noon with tours of the Science Barge, 99 Dock St., Yonkers.