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## **Binghamton University hosts “Save our Streams”**

Binghamton University will host “Save our Streams,” a free medication collection event from 10 a.m.-3p.m. Saturday, November 7, at the East Gym, located on campus. The program, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the University’s Department of Campus Recreation, the Village of Endicott, United Health Services and the New York State University Police at Binghamton.

Unwanted prescription medications, veterinary medicines, and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals can be disposed of at the event. Medications being disposed of should remain in their original container with labels. For safety purposes, participants are asked not to bring sharp instruments, thermometers or medical waste to the event.

The Binghamton Outdoor Pursuits program is organizing this event to help fulfill their mission of fostering environmental awareness. “We teach students about environmental impact as a part of our classes and activities year round. The program also incorporates several service components and we felt this cause was worth highlighting this year. We aim to educate students how to think globally and offer them the opportunity to act locally “said Birdie High, assistant director of Campus Recreation.

Until now, most people either flushed excess medication down the toilet or threw it in the trash. Pharmaceuticals are now being found in drinking water in communities across the nation, causing concern for public safety. The medication collection event gives everyone the opportunity to safely dispose of pharmaceuticals at no cost and at no harm to themselves or the environment.

For more information contact Birdie High at the Outdoor Pursuits program at 777-6414 or [outdoors@binghamton.edu](mailto:outdoors@binghamton.edu) or visit <http://campusrecreation.binghamton.edu>.