



## BECZAK Journals

Stephanie Rutto:

The air was clean and brisk, not too much wind – we can tell by the flag pole and the water movement. The sun is shining brightly but it is cold out, and the sun gives a nice heat off our bodies. Birds are chirping and the bees are buzzing around the flowers. \*The mountains across the way are large and beautiful. There are a few birds around the mountains. A boat is passing by, it is small and can't be identified. The area is all around a very peaceful surrounding.

**\* (mountains are the Palisades Sill)**

Ken Campbell:

It is quite a windy day here at the Beczak Environmental Education Center. The wind coming from the north is pretty calm; only ruffling a few lwaves. The noise surrounding the Beczak coming from the bus station & train station. However, the noise is at a minimum so it is not too bad. \*The water is flowing slowly but surely downward the Hudson River. At the Beczak I can identify several trees, various benches, and a beautiful pasture of yellow and purple flowers.

**\*(water in the Hudson River is deceptive – at the time the students were sampling for the most part it was flooding up from the Atlantic, not running down as you would expect from a river).**

Chanye Estrada:

The blue calm river that flows South toward Battery Park in the city and the Atlantic ocean. Across the river the Palisades stand strong. The houses on the river bank of the Palisades. You hear the people talking and the train passing by. All the beautiful and yellow



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trees that are slightly dancing in the wind like the flag. Large patches of green grass where you see flowers and birds like sparrows. Across the street from the center is the Yonkers jail where you see police cars. Next to the center you see a factory and apartment buildings. When you go down to the beach you first encounter a little area where you can have a campfire. Near the edge of the river looking south you see the G.W. Bridge and see the little cars passing by.

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Jerome Sarmiento:

On this day October 7, 2008 I am here at the Beczak Environmental Education Center. I see the Hudson River and the Palisades across from it. It is a very pleasant day, cool temperature, sunny, and gentle breezes. The wind is blowing south, noises are coming from the busy street, trains and construction noises. There is very little animal activity. The student here studied the types of fish that they caught, water measurements, and the environment. There are also many different types of flowers and plants here, most of them are colorful.

Threa Almontser:

Today, 10/7/08, I went on a trip with my biology class to the Hudson River. It's windy with a little sunshine; about 50 degrees (cold!!!). So far I just did the chemical analysis on the first water. The sky is clear and the tides are low. There are green mountains opposite the pier. \*The wind is lightly blowing south and the flowers are bright and colorful.



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\*(to clarify - wind in data is recorded as North - which means the wind is blowing FROM the north. This journal notes that the wind is blowing towards the south...while there appears to be a conflict in these two recordings there isn't.)