



What is a water festival?

It's fun and educational and free!

A youth water festival is an educational, fun-filled learning opportunity which will increase a student's awareness and knowledge of water, one of our greatest resources. The objective of the Festival is to enable students to learn how to gather information needed to make informed decisions about water use and protection, increasing their awareness and appreciation of water resources in our area.

Each class will participate in an opening presentation and four separate 20 minute hands-on presentations. Presentations will include information and interactive activities on a variety of topics such as watersheds, non-point source pollution, water properties and water quality.

Classes can stay for an extra 1/2 day to participate in water activities outside near the Red River.

The festival is targeted to 4th grade students in the Buffalo-Red Watershed District and the Southeast Cass Water Resource District.

There is a resource area full of information about water for teachers to take back to the classroom. Each student also receives a bag of goodies to take home.

When and where is the water festival going to be held?

The Red River Water Festival is scheduled for September 27-30. There is a morning session from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon session from 11:45 - 2:15 p.m. The festival will be held at the Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Avenue North in Moorhead.

Transportation: River Keepers tries to find sponsors for bus transportation if needed.

What resources are needed to organize a successful water festival?

Volunteers are needed to:

- ◆ lead activities
- ◆ communicate with teachers (transportation, pre & post festival activities, registration)
- ◆ obtain sponsorships
- ◆ work day of - registration, class helpers, set-up, tear down, decorations, photographer, runner
- ◆ communicate with presenters
- ◆ coordinate snacks & lunch
- ◆ work with volunteers - recruit & train
- ◆ organize a teacher resource room

Money or inkind donations are needed for:

- ◆ food
- ◆ transportation
- ◆ misc. supplies
- ◆ coordination
- ◆ postage
- ◆ printing
- ◆ decorations

Current partners:

- ◆ ND Project WET
- ◆ Clay County Soil & Water Cons. Dist.
- ◆ Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ North Dakota Water Education Association
- ◆ FM AM Rotary
- ◆ City of Fargo
- ◆ City of Moorhead
- ◆ F-M Metropolitan Council of Governments
- ◆ International Water Institute
- ◆ Moorhead Public Service
- ◆ ND Department of Health
- ◆ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- ◆ Cass Soil Conservation District
- ◆ University of Minnesota Extension Service

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