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Numbers

Members: 218
Volunteer Hours: Over 400 people contributed over 2100 hours to River Keepers' projects and committees.
Presentations: Presentations were made to 20 groups, reaching over 3000 people.
Displays & Parades: We were at 7 community special events, reaching over 24,000 people.

Finances

Government Members: City of Moorhead, Clay County, Fargo Park District, Moorhead Public Service.

Awards

Presented To:
Volunteer of the Year Award – Prairie Heights Community Church
Development Award - Cass County
Employee of the Year – Steven Olson
Highly Acclaimed Camp Chef – Diane Byrum
Ruby Crew Captains
Bob Backman
Mike Knorr
Dan Koper
Christine Laney
Jared Leitch
Mark Nerland
Chris Winning

Ruby Crew Pursers
Helena Shanks
Donna Toso

Board of Directors
Tom Moberg, Pres.
Dan Pullen, Vice Pres.
Mitchell Martin, Sec./Treas.
Jan Ullerts Stewart, Past Pres.
Matt Ahonen
Karl Bakkum
Myron Berglund
Dennis Flom
Cindy Gray
Jodi Heilmann
Pamela Schaefer
Rick St. Germain
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Full Time Staff
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2009 BENEFITS!
Shoemaker Garden Nursery - 10% discount on regular-priced merchandise
17502 59th Street Southeast in Howard, ND.
Critters Farm and Feed - 10% discount on all purchases except dog/cat food.
12391 1 Avenue North Moorhead, MN.
The Garden Hut - 10% discount on all products & services.
3471 S. University Drive in Fargo, ND.
Olson Awning and Canvas - 10% discount on new awnings and boat covers.
118 9th Street N in Moorhead, MN.
Maple Leaf Resort on West Lost Lake - 10% discount on reservations.
Call 218-826-6535.

2009 Membership - If you haven’t done so already, it’s time to renew your support of River Keepers!

SEND FORM BELOW TO:
River Keepers, 325 7th St. S. Ste 201, Fargo, ND 58103-1846

Name_______________________ Address ______________________________
City ________________________ State _________ ZIP ___________________
E-mail _________________________
Level of participation (check one): ___ Steamboat $500+ ___ Skiff $100
____ Canoe $50 ___ Kayak - $30 ____ Student—$20

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