



### What is a water festival?

It's fun and educational and free! A youth water festival is an educational, fun-filled learning opportunity which increases a student's awareness and knowledge of water.



Students use a transparency tube to learn about water quality.

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.

Classes participate in an opening presentation and several 20 minute hands-on presentations. Presentations include information and interactive activities on

a variety of topics such as watersheds, non-point source pollution, water properties, and water quality. Classes have an option to spend an extra 1/2 day at the festival 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 with information about water for teachers to take back to the classroom. Each student receives a bag of water related goodies.

### When and where is the water festival?

The Red River Water Festival is usually held at the end of September. 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 is held at the Hjem-komst Center, 202 1st Avenue North in Moorhead.



Students attend an opening session.

### Sponsorships or inkind donations are needed for:

- ◆ activity supplies
- ◆ student and teacher resources
- ◆ printing
- ◆ volunteer lunch
- ◆ bus transportation
- ◆ coordination

### Awards:

- ◆ Minnesota Environmental Initiative Awards Finalist in May 2006.
- ◆ Outstanding Program Award from the Red River Basin Commission in January 2003.

### Current partners:

- ◆ ND Project WET
- ◆ AE2S
- ◆ International Water Institute
- ◆ River Watch
- ◆ ND Water Education Association
- ◆ City of Fargo
- ◆ City of Moorhead
- ◆ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- ◆ Cass Soil Conservation District
- ◆ Fargo Park District
- ◆ Fargo Public School District
- ◆ NDSU
- ◆ 4-H
- ◆ Concordia College
- ◆ Barnesville High School
- ◆ Buffalo-Red River Watershed District
- ◆ Southeast Cass Water Resource District
- ◆ And others



Students learn about water treatment by making a mini-water plant.

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