

2015 at a glance



RESULTS SNAPSHOT

21 Clean-ups - 13 Education Events - 17 River Trips - 5 River Races
34 Big Muddy Speakers Series in 3 cities - 1 "Big River Experience" Summer Camp

2015 was a year of growth and exciting changes for Missouri River Relief. We brought on two new staff members with a deep well of talents, worked with new partners on a variety of new projects, and deepened our relationship with many of our old friends along the Missouri River valley - from St. Louis to Omaha.

We continue to find new ways to introduce people to the Missouri River and give them an opportunity to learn more about this amazing resource and work to make it better.

Our dedicated volunteer crew continued to grow with us and took on new roles in making the organization more sustainable. We added a part-time event coordinator, Jen Davis, who has worked to expand our event fundraising and outreach.

River Relief received a jolt of rejuvenation this year with three big highlights—acquiring bigger and better vehicles, expanding our Education Program with our new Education Coordinator, Kristen Schulte, and brought a human-powered twist to our river clean-ups (via canoe).

A Big Muddy Thanks to all of you that helped make this an epic year of working for the Missouri River --we could not do this without YOU.

Read the full story of 2015, view photos and more: www.riverrelief.org/results/2015/

SERVICE

- ✓ 1,508 Volunteers
- ✓ 6,519 Hours
- ✓ worth \$150,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ 41 Tons of Trash
- ✓ 485 Tires Removed
- ✓ 57 Miles Cleaned

IMPACT

- ✓ 1,209 Students
- ✓ 21 School Groups
- ✓ 700+ Paddlers

91 EVENTS - 19 COMMUNITIES - 5 STATES

Volunteers removed a total of 41 Tons of Trash from the Missouri River in 2015

Omaha: 5.5 tons

Kansas City: 3.3 tons

Carrollton

Alligator Cove: .9 tons

Boonville: .84 tons

Rocheport 1.4 tons

Katfish Katy's: 1.8 tons

St. Louis Area: 11 tons

Easley: 2.4 tons

Hermann

St. Charles: 7.7 tons

Jefferson City

Washington: 5.9 tons

4,650 PEOPLE INTRODUCED TO THE MISSOURI RIVER IN 2015

“I bet you find the craziest stuff in that river..”

What can we say about 15 years of tallying trash?

2015 PARTIAL TRASH TALLY

1,340 bags of trash
139 bags of recyclables
7,070 lbs of scrap metal
485 tires
312 chunks o' styrofoam
32 propane tanks
150 fireworks remnants
6 refrigerators
1 chest freezer
4 hot water heaters
27 coolers
13.5 chairs
4 TVs
3 gas cans
5 metal gas tanks
2 duck decoys, 1 goose
4 fishing poles
9 - 5-gal. metal buckets
16 - 55-gal. metal drums
43 - 55-gal. plastic barrels
61 - 5 gal. plastic buckets
9 2-gallon plastic jugs
2 20-gallon plastic water tanks
3 mattresses
3 box springs
3 fire extinguishers



TOP 10 ITEMS FOUND IN THE MISSOURI RIVER

- #1 - Styrofoam
- #2 - “single-use” Plastic Bottles, Bags & Wrappers
- #3 - Other “single-use” Plastics (*bottle caps, straws, six-pack rings, tobacco cans and 5-hour energy bottles*)
- #4 - Tires
- #5 - Plastic Buckets, Barrels, Tubs & Coolers
- #6 - Scrap Metal (*appliances, tanks, steel cables, rods, angle iron, poles, t-posts, sheet metal, rebar, etc.*)
- #7 - Childrens Toys and Balls of every shape, size & color
- #8 - Construction Dumping (*shingles, carpet, pvc, lumber*)
- #9 - Fireworks Remnants, Party & Fisherman's Trash
- #10 - Shoes & Flip Flops



TOP 15 FINDS IN 15 YEARS

- #1 Messages in Bottles
- #2 1 Chicken Dance Elmo
- #3 1 Sturgeon DNA Sample
- #4 1 Beavis & Buttthead doll set
- #5 1 Bud Light Bottles Wind Chime
- #6 1 pair of Ruby Red Slippers
- #7 1 Jug of Atrazine
- #8 1 Pair of Angel Wings
- #9 1 Giant Strawberry-shaped Candle
- #10 1957 fiberglass Saber boat
- #11 1 set of national bylaws from the Hell's Lovers Motorcycle club
- #12 1 duct-taped Kilo of Cocaine
- #13 Cobbler's Shoes
- #14 1 shot-up Metal Sign that reads: “\$50 Reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person found willfully mutilating or destroying this sign. -The O.J. Gude Co. NY”
- #15 Dead Baby Dolls--Doll Parts--and one Inflatable Love Doll



HOW CAN I HELP?

- **Donate** - It takes cash to turn the props!
- **Volunteer** - at one of our community clean-ups.
- **Share your knowledge** - at a river education event.
- **Partner with us!** - If you have ideas on projects that need accomplished, let's work together to make it happen.
- **Sponsor an event** - Show your business cares about the river. Sponsor one of our clean-up or education efforts.
- **Keep posted** on our website - as details develop, we'll keep our needs and events posted on the web. That's where you can sign-up to help, www.riverrelief.org.
- **Spread the word!** - Help us get the word out, recruit your friends!



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