

Big Muddy Clean Sweep — SEPT 10 - NOV 2 — 2011

a cross-state Missouri River Relief cleanup by barge



*missouri river - kansas city - cooper's landing - jefferson city - mokane - hermann
new haven - washington - st. charles - st. louis - confluence*

1473 VOLUNTEERS § 60.8 TONS OF TRASH § 9 COMMUNITIES § 493 TIRES § 5 MESSAGES IN BOTTLES



As the keystone event of the 10th anniversary of Missouri River Relief, we embarked on a series of Missouri River clean-ups based on a trash barge. The project was called the Big Muddy Clean Sweep, and it was the largest scale cleanup of trash on the Missouri River ever undertaken.

Working with students, communities, corporations, individual volunteers and partnering organizations, we combined our goals of direct river education with this unique opportunity to remove unprecedented amounts of garbage from a piece of our nation's longest river.

For more details, see:

www.riverrelief.org/updates/entry/big-muddy-clean-sweep/



Big Muddy Clean Sweep

Sept. 10 - Oct. 31, 2011

1473 volunteers
removed over 60 tons of trash
from the Missouri River
including...
1201 bags of trash
493 tires
21 refrigerators & freezers
& 5 messages in bottles



Big Muddy Clean Sweep Events

Kansas City - Rivermile 364

- **Sept. 10 - Kansas City Missouri River Clean-up** - 257 volunteers cleaned up land-based sites along the river, including cleaning up flood damage at several area river accesses.

Cooper's Landing - Rivermile 170

- **Sept. 17 - EcoArtFest** - We combined riverside education with mini-cleanups throughout the weekend.
- **Sept. 22-25** - Cleanups and hands-on education with Douglass High School, Columbia Home School Resource Group, Garden Gate School, area Wal-Marts and Sustain Mizzou.
- **204 volunteers removed 8 tons of trash from 11 miles of river.**

Jefferson City - Rivermile 144

- **Sept. 28-29** - Staff meetings and river education with Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources & Missouri Stream Team
- **Oct. 1 - Jefferson City & Mokane Missouri River Clean-up** - 204 volunteers removed 8 tons of trash from the Missouri River.
- **Oct. 2 - Race to the Dome** - 102 racers paddled canoes and kayaks either 16 or 26 miles as a benefit for Missouri River Relief.

Hermann - Rivermile 98

- **Oct. 5-6 - Missouri River Learning Festival** - Riverside education with a long list of partners combined with the priceless experience of getting out in the river and cleaning up trash - with 233 students & teachers from Owensville & Hermann.
- **Oct. 8-9 - Octoberfest Cleanups** - Over 50 volunteers continued the clean-up.

Washington - Rivermile 68

- **Oct. 12-13 - Riverside Education Experience** - 170 students learned about their place on the Missouri River.
- **Oct. 14 - New Haven Cleanup** - a targeted cleanup of one of the rivers largest concentrations of floating trash.
- **Oct. 15 - Washington River Festival & Missouri River Clean-up** - Music, trash-to-art, river education, food and celebration on the banks of the Missouri. 110 volunteers cleaned up 9 miles of the river.

St. Charles - Rivermile 28

- **Oct. 19 - Missouri River Clean-up with REI**
- **Oct. 21-23 - St. Charles Missouri River Clean-up** - 76 volunteers cleaned up 12 miles of river.

Confluence (St. Louis) - Rivermile 3

- **Oct. 25 - Missouri River Clean-up with REI & Whole Foods**
- **Oct. 26 - Missouri American Water luncheon** - a meeting on the barge with municipal and county leaders discussing future water infrastructure issues.
- **Oct. 27 - River Reflections** - Networking and river tours with river managers and local non-profits working in the Confluence region
- **Oct. 29-30 - Confluence River Clean-up** - 302 volunteers removed 14 tons of trash from 13 miles of the Missouri & Mississippi Rivers.

“It was rewarding to help clean up the river. We learned about how our waterways get polluted, and the efforts people are taking to clean them up. While picking up trash off the banks, we also got view and experience the environment in and around rivers.”

- Megan Dunlap
Owensville Middle School Student

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