



# Missouri and Kansas Rivers Clean-up

*Kaw Point Park, Kansas City, KS*

*October 3, 2009*

## Results Snapshot

**Total Volunteers:** 394

**MRR Crew:** 33

**Boats:** 16 (4 Missouri River Relief, 3 Rivermiles, 4 Mo. Dept. of Conservation, 1 Private, 1 Burns & McDonnell, 3 Environmental Protection Agency)

**Rivermiles:** 12 (10 on the Missouri River, 2 on the Kaw)

**River level:** 10.4 (Kansas City gage)

**Landfill:** 8.2 tons

**Scrap Metal:** 2.7 tons

**Recycled:** plastic & aluminum

**Tires:** 63 (1 ton)

**Total Tonnage:** 12

**Groups Involved:** (W.H.E.Y.)  
World Helping Empower Youth, Trenton High School, Scuola Vita Nuova, Rockhurst University, Breakpoint Community Church, Crossroads Church, UMC Environmental Awareness Club, Friends of Kaw Point, North Central Neighbors

This was our seventh year hosting a massive Missouri River clean-up in the Kansas City area. Each year it gets bigger, our list of partners grows, and the amount of trash removed from the river continues to be staggering. This year 394 volunteers joined the effort. And they worked their butts off!

We cleaned up a couple miles of the Kaw River, in addition to ten miles of the Big Muddy. A big crew of students from Scuola Vita Nuova, after attending the Watershed Festival the day before, tackled a site by land on the Kaw River. Many other school groups have caught on that this is THE event of the year to experience the Missouri River as well as do their part to improve the river. Education in action! That's what it's all about!

For the first time in the KC area, we attempted a large-scale recycling program, thanks to a partnership with

**Coca-Cola Enterprises.** As trash was collected on the river, volunteers "source-separated" into bags with plastic & aluminum and bags with all other trash. MRR crew member Lynne Hooper organized a crew of Coke employees to further sort all the recyclables. It went smoothly, and we are still awaiting tonnage results.

Getting this many people out on the river in one morning is impossible without the help of our boat piloting partners. This year we had help from **Mo. Dept. of Conservation, EPA, Burns and McDonnell, and Rivermiles.** In fact, this was the clean-up debut of the new Rivermiles boat called "Lewis". Not only did Lewis (piloted by MR340 organizer Scott Mansker) shuttle volunteers, but she also served as the floating video platform for documentary filmmaker Jodi Pfefferkorn who is making a film on the clean-up. We'll let you know when she finishes it!

**for links to more stories and photos, check out our event webpage:**

[http:// www.riverrelief.org/event/kansas-city-clean-up-09/](http://www.riverrelief.org/event/kansas-city-clean-up-09/)

## Stream Teams:

1875,  
1876,  
3331,  
175,  
41,  
211,  
1995,  
907,  
1212,  
2793



*Volunteers head out on boats to clean up the Kaw and Missouri Rivers.  
photos by Tom Edmondson & Steve Schnarr*

# Trash Tally!

245 Bags of Trash  
 219 Pieces of Scrap Metal  
 25 Tires on Rim  
 34 Tires w/o Rim  
 4 Semi Truck Tires  
 2 Inner tubes  
 1 Wheel  
 16 Chunks of Styrofoam  
 6 Coolers  
 1 Water Jug  
 11 – 5 gallon Plastic Buckets  
 2 – 55 gallon Metal Drums  
 6 – 55 gallon Plastic Barrels  
 1 Propane Tank  
 1 Deep Freeze  
 2 TVs  
 1 Air Mattress  
 1 Waterbed Side Rail  
 3 Window Frames  
 1 Futon Frame  
 1 Grill Rack  
 4 Chairs  
 3 Storage Tubs  
 1 Laundry Hamper  
 1 Baby Play Pen  
 1 Welcome Mat  
 1 Home Depot “green” bag  
 1 Railroad Car Spring  
 1 Jeep Tail Gate  
 2 Gas Tanks  
 1 John Deere Tractor Cover

1 Hub Cap  
 1 Car Door  
 2 Car Bumpers  
 1 Truck Mud Flap  
 4 Large Rugs  
 2 pieces of Carpet Padding  
 1 piece of Astroturf



NO REFRIGERATORS  
 NO WASHERS  
 NO DRYERS  
 NO HOT WATER HEATERS  
 this has got to be a Missouri River Cleanup  
 Record!!!  
 Our efforts to clean the river are working!!!

2 Road Cones  
 1 Hand Saw  
 2 pieces of Barge Rope  
 3 Street Signs  
 2 Croc sandals  
 1 Sled  
 15 Toys & Balls  
 2 pairs of Sunglasses  
 1 Large Lightbulb  
 2 liter Glass Soda Bottle  
 1 Baby Stroller  
 1 Message in a Bottle  
 1 Pan  
 1 Tea Cup  
 14 pieces of Metal Cable  
 15 large Metal Plates & Bolts  
 1 Shovel Spade  
 1 Compressor  
 1 Camp Stove  
 200 ft of Cable  
 1 Shopping Cart  
 1 Cabinet  
 6 pieces of Electric Wire  
 1 American Flag Light Bulb  
 8 Fishing Poles  
 7 Tarps  
 2 Headlights  
 1 Electric Switch  
 2 Tents  
 1 My Little Pony Lunch Box  
 1 pair of Boots

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