



# St. Charles — SEPT 11 — 2010 — missouri river clean-up

268 VOLUNTEERS § 7 TONS OF TRASH § 4.5 TONS RECYCLED § 10 BIG MUDDY MILES § 2 MESSAGES IN BOTTLES



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A cluster of hills overlooking the bottomlands of the Confluence of Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, St. Charles was one of the first European settlements along the Missouri and the first capital of the new state of Missouri.

This town celebrates its historical and natural river heritage with open greenspaces and attractions along its cleaned up riverfront. One of the best views of town is from across the river, walking down the Great Rivers Greenway District trail that winds through Bridgeton Riverwoods Park. Historic church steeples, court buildings and a restored downtown spill down the “Little Hills” to the riverfront.

It was a treat to tap into this Big Muddy love and join 268 volunteers to clean up this 10 mile stretch of the Missouri River for the fifth time.

From a troop of muddy Girl Scouts to trash-hardened Stream Team veterans, groups of volunteers scoured the banks for trash. Old tire dumps were discovered and removed, piles of upstream flood flotsam were excavated, stashes of fishermen’s trash was bagged up and hauled away.

It takes many hands to make an impact like this. And the partnership of a whole lot of people who care.

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# Event Snapshot

**Total Volunteers:** 268

**MRR Crew:** 27

**Boats:** 11 (4 Missouri River Relief, 3 MO Department of Conservation, 2 U.S. Fish & Wildlife, 2 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

**River Miles Cleaned:** 10

**Landfill:** 2.6 tons

**Scrap Metal Recycled:** 1.4 tons

**Recyclables (Glass, Plastic, Aluminum):** 1.09 tons

**Tires Recycled:** 107 (1.9 tons)

**Total Tonnage:** 7 Tons

**Missouri Stream Teams:** 1875, 3176, 211, 500, 1782, 509, 4136, 3668, 3419, 3500, 509 + Francis Howell North & the Crawford Crawdaddies

**Volunteer Groups Involved:** Lindbergh Highschool Anatomy Class, Francis Howell Highschool Green Community, B-FAB, Alpha Phi Omega, LMI Aerospace, Scout Troops 4334, 975, 1413, 607, Pack 850/Den 3, DHC Global Forwarding, Mid Rivers Ethical Society, Kingdom House Youth Group, River Des Peres Watershed Coalition, Missouri Master Naturalists

**Names of River Teams:** River Hippies, Trashinators, Troop 975, River Otters, Refrigerators, Trash Busters, Muddy Buddies, Crazy Catfish, The A Team, Bull Sharks, Mud Runners, The Partridges, (Blue, Bleu, Blew), Goon Squad, Ram Rod, Mud Doggers, Weeblos Ponies, Ethical Waters, Troop 4334, APO, Bad Asses, Rock Stars, Team Unicycle

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Confluence Greenway • Greenway Network  
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Missouri Stream Team • Stream Team 211  
Trailhead Brewing Co.  
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240 55-gallon Bags of Trash • 107 Tires • 6 Chunks O' Styrofoam • ½ of a Buoy • 12 five-gallon Plastic Buckets • 3 five-gallon Metal Buckets • 3 55-gallon Metal Drums • 3 55-gallon Plastic Barrels • 5 Refrigerators • 1 Washing Machine • 1 Chest Freezer • 2 5-gallon Propane Tanks • 20+ small Propane Tanks • 1 Refrigerator Door • 1 Ice Machine • 1 Toilet Tank • 1 Vacuum Cleaner Hose • 1 Baby Bed • 333 Yards of Carpet • 3 Folding Chairs • 2 Gas Cans • 3 Gas Tanks • 2 Mud Flaps (one rooting for "Huskers") • 1 Truck Grill • 1 Truck Fender (Blue Ford F150) • 2 Tail Pipes • 1 Axle & Differential • 1 Torque Converter • 1 Bumper Plate • 1 Side Mirror • 2 Volley Balls • several Basket Balls • 1 Slolam Ski • 100 feet Heavy Wire Cable • 1 Compressor • 1 Refrigerator Shelf • 1 Oil Can • 1 Fire Extinguisher • 1 Ammunition Box • 1 TV Panel • 1 42" Flat Screen TV w/ Castors • 1 Deer Head (from a target) • 2 Trash Dumpster Lids • 12 feet of Natural Gas Line • 1 Culvert Pipe • 1 MDC "End of Public Use Area" Sign • 1 "Caution Wet Floor" Sign • 2 Messages in a Bottle • 1 Red Plastic Apple • 1 Rubber Ducky – yellow • 1 Bocce Ball • 2 1-gallon Glass Jugs • 2 Enamelled Cast Iron Skillet • 1 Butcher Knife • 1 Dust Mask • 1 Naked Baby Doll



For more about the St. Charles Clean-up, see:

<http://www.riverrelief.org/event/st-charles-missouri-river-clean-up-2010/>