



St. Joseph – Oct 16 – 2010 – Missouri River Clean-up

278 VOLUNTEERS § 6.4 TONS OF TRASH § 117 TIRES § 12 BIG MUDDY MILES § 1 MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE



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St. Joseph's history has always been intertwined with the Missouri River, beginning as a trading post for the American Fur Company and continuing as a one-stop shop for pioneers crossing the river heading west on the Oregon Trail and chasing after gold.

In recent years, a lot has been done to reconnect the city to the river that started it all. From the Remington Nature Center to the Riverfront Trail to the new public boat dock, there are more and more destinations for St. Joe folks that love to get to the river.

And that's what they did on October 16 for the first Missouri River Clean-up since 2004. 278 volunteers showed up that day. About 150 boarded boats from the beautiful new dock with more than 100 scouring the Riverfront Trail and nearby roads to clean up as much trash as possible.

From several groups of Boy Scouts to river rats with their own boats, from the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to college students from a handful of organizations, this was one excited and motivated group of volunteers.

The excitement was really visible as folks returned for a great lunch at Terrible's Casino, where trash treasures were gathered in piles to enter into our "Git that Garbage Trash Contest".

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

Sponsors

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Event Snapshot

Total Volunteers: 278

MRR Crew: 21

Boats: 13 boats (3 Missouri River Relief, 5 Missouri Department of Conservation, 2 EPA, 3 local boaters)

River miles: 12 rivermiles

River Level: 14.7 feet (St. Joseph gage)

Landfill Tons: 3 tons

Scrap Metal: 1.3 tons

Tires: 117 tires (2.1 tons)

Total Tonnage: 6.4 tons

Groups Involved: Boehringer-Ingelheim, Buchanan County Juvenile Office, Missouri Western State University Wildlife Society, MWSU Alpha Phi Omega, Boy Scouts Troop 6, Boy Scout Troop 141 (Elwood, KS), Boy Scout Troop 45, Cub Scout Troop 45, Boy Scout Troop 10, Tiger Cub Pack 31, St. Joseph Audubon Society.

Names of River Teams: Awesome Sauce, Oxsures, Mickey Mouse Club, River Rats, Alligators, Alphas & Abbey, the Pirates!, Mo River Rats, Mud Diggers, Troop 6, Bad Asses, Snakes, Mo. Western U, River Rats, Speedy Turtles, Girl Power!

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Trash Tally!

289 bags of trash • 117 tires • Countless plastic bottles and little pieces of Styrofoam • Many light bulbs • 1 large innertube • 6 plastic milk crates • 11 large chunks of Styrofoam • 1 cooler • 8 5-gallon plastic buckets • 2 cans of paint • 2 5-gallon metal buckets • 2 55-gallon metal drums • 4 55-gallon plastic barrels • 1 control panel from a dredge • 1 ringer washer • Complete game of washers • 3 fire extinguishers • 1 message in a bottle • 1 duck decoy • 1 planter made from a tire • 1 plastic leg from a doll • 1 lawn troll • Small refrigerator • 1 brand new pair of boots • 1 pair of boots a little worse for the wear... • 1 silk scarf • 1 stained glass cube • 1 framed dolphin print • 1 hand saw • 1 electric shaver • 1 very large propane tank • 1 helium tank • 1 toaster
Several computers and computer parts • 1 microwave • 1 set of venetian blinds • 1 queen-size box-spring mattress • 11 chairs • 1 semi-truck mudflap • 1 small TV • 1 big-screen TV • 11-foot hydraulic coupling hose • 1 car bumper • 1 car seat bench • 1 car seat • 1 truck bed liner • 1 hide-a-bed frame • 1 railroad angle bar • 1 CCA wood beam • 1 push broom • 1 piece of chainlink fence • 5 bags of moldy clothing • 1 toy playhouse • 1 toy parking garage • 1 Bible • 5 blankets • 1 record • 1 green buoy • 1 rebar grate • 1 metal ironing board • 1 computer monitor • 1 garden hose
5 torn, moldy tarps, one with the remains of an unidentifiable animal • Parts of 5 tents • 20 tent poles • 1 kitchen sink • 1 pool lining

