



# Integrating the Missouri River In Your Classroom: Information Packet



Dear Educator,

Thank you for your interest in wanting to learn more about the Integrating the Missouri River In Your Classroom Educator Workshop. This packet contains important information regarding this two-day river workshop.

Information includes:

- Summary of the Workshop- dates, location, tuition, and other general information.
- Registration Process- financial aid and registration information.
- General Policies- regulations of the workshop.
- Tuition- options of different experiences and tuitions.
- Dates and Deadlines- important information for the busy schedule.
- What to Expect- the culture and values of the educator workshop.
- Come Prepared- a checklist coming prepared to the workshop.
- Missouri River Lesson Plan- each educator will be asked to bring a lesson plan that they currently teach that they feel they could connect to the Missouri River.
- Lunch- enjoy a taste of the Kansas City area.
- Accommodations- we will not be providing lodging but we can help you find options.
- Schedule for the Workshop- daily themes and an outline for each day.

If you can't find what you are looking for, please visit our registration packet which includes medical form, and general risk release form. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Kristen Schulte at [kristen@riverrelief.org](mailto:kristen@riverrelief.org) or call 573-443-0292.

We look forward to seeing you at the educator workshop.

Sincerely,  
Missouri River Relief  
[www.riverrelief.org](http://www.riverrelief.org)

# Summary



**Date:** May 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Kansas City, Missouri

Connect with the natural and cultural history of the Missouri River through adventure and investigation. Discover the river ecosystems and the natural forces that shaped them. Understand how human choices have affected the river's rhythm and flow. Knowledgeable and experienced instructors will show you how to use river education to integrate science, social studies, English language arts, and math in a way that engages students strengthens their learning and prepares them to be college-ready and career-ready.

## Registration Process

1. If you are applying for financial aid, please refer to the "Financial Aid" section below. You will need to complete this process before registering. Financial Aid recipients will receive a separate registration link when they are awarded financial aid.
2. If you are not applying for financial aid, please complete the online enrollment process [here](#) or by calling 573.443.0292. Please have your payment information ready when enrolling.
3. After completing the enrollment/payment process, download a pdf of the registration packet; fill it out and mail to P.O. Box 463, Columbia, MO 65205 or e-mail to [kristen@riverrelief.org](mailto:kristen@riverrelief.org). The packet contains the following forms: medical form, and general risk release form.

## General Policies

### Waitlist

Should the workshop reach its capacity, a waitlist will be created. The first person on the waitlist will be notified if a vacancy occurs. If this person does not accept, then we will move down the list.

### Cancellation

If you should need to cancel, a refund will not be issued up to 30 days prior to the start date of the academy. Although we make every effort to adhere to our schedule, extenuating circumstance may cause Missouri River Relief to cancel a program, in which case a full refund will be issued.



# Tuition



To be inclusive of different schedules and interest, we have created the option of being able to participant in a one day or two-day workshop. Although for the full benefits of this workshop we highly encourage participants to register for both days, as each day bring a unique experience. Each day includes lunch, instruction, materials, and supplies. Specifically, on the first day, an on the river experience by motorboat will be included. Please see below a breakdown of the tuition:

2 Full Days: \$200  
1st Full Day Only: \$125  
2nd Full DayOnly: \$75

# Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to qualified participants. To apply for financial aid, download a pdf of the financial aid application; fill it in and mail to P.O. Box 463, Columbia, MO or e-mail to [kristen@riverrelief.org](mailto:kristen@riverrelief.org).

We will begin awarding financial aid in early-April and then continue making awards on a rolling basis until all available funds are awarded. We are typically able to notify financial aid applicants of the amount we are able to award within a month of receiving an application. The applicant will then be given a deadline and separate link to register for the course; do NOT register before you are notified of your award.



# Dates and Deadlines

Kansas City Educator Workshop- May 10th-11th, 2018

- Financial Aid – April 10th
- Enrollment –May 1<sup>st</sup>

# What to Expect

To help you be prepared for the activities in which you and other educators will participate, please plan for active learning. For the most satisfying experience, please note that this program requires the following:

- Arrive on Time! Be prepared to learn and be ready to go when you arrive.
- Be a team member! We operate in teams and expect everyone to participate.
- We are place-based and experience-oriented! Our indoor classroom time will be spent exploring through discussions, activities, and lectures, covering a wide variety of topics.
- We are outdoors most of the time! Our outdoor classroom time will be spent investigating many areas of the Missouri River on boats and on foot, so plan accordingly.

# Come Prepared



Our workshops are taught outdoors, in *all* weather conditions. After a day in the outdoors, you may wish to have clothes and clean shoes to change into for your drive home, but during the day you will want to have:

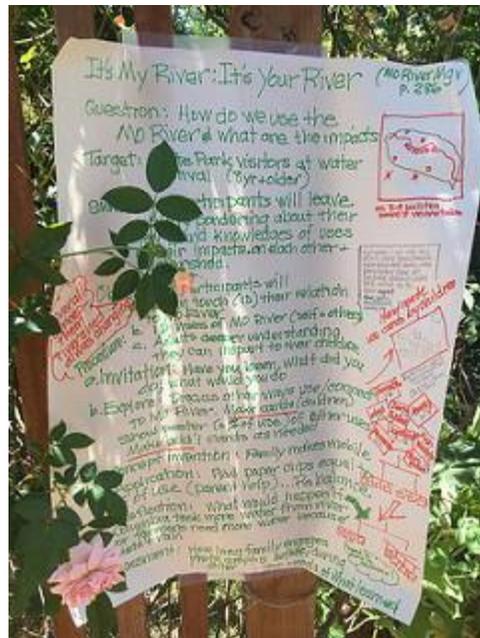
- Water bottles
- Sunscreen
- Baseball Cap or Sunhat
- Sturdy footwear
- Light backpack to carry everything
- Light jacket and/or rain jacket
- And dress comfortably for changes in weather.

## Missouri River Lesson Plan

A lesson plan is the educator's road map of what students need to learn and how it will be done effectively during your time together. Each educator will be asked to bring a lesson plan that they currently teach that they feel they could connect to the Missouri River. During the workshop, educators will have the opportunity to adapt and design their lesson plans and present out to their fellow workshop participants.

## Lunch

You will enjoy a taste of Kansas City, Missouri as we experience delicious, healthy lunches in and around the area. Lunch will take place on the river the first day and the second day will be at a local place or delivered. We will have snacks available throughout the day and we are happy to accommodate special needs. Breakfast and dinner will be on your own.



## Accommodations

We will not be providing a lodging option during the workshops, but we do encourage people to stay in the area if they are making a long commute. If you would like any recommendations, please e-mail the Education Coordinator at [kristen@riverreleif.org](mailto:kristen@riverreleif.org).



# Workshop Schedule

## *Integrating the Missouri into Your Classroom*

Thursday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2018		
Connecting to the Missouri River		
How do I explore my connection to the Missouri River?		
Time	Location	Activity
8:30-9:00	Public Access Boat Ramp	Registration, Check In and Assessment
9:00-9:10		Welcome and Introduction to Missouri River Relief
9:10-9:20		Overview of the Workshop and the Schedule
9:20-9:40	On the River	Safety Talk, Life Jackets and Load into Boats
9:40-9:50		Motor Boat Upstream
9:50-10:15		River Tour: I Notice, I Wonder, It Reminds Me of
10:15-10:25		Motor Boat Upstream
10:25-10:45		River Tour: Overview of the Missouri River Watershed
10:45-10:55	On Island	Motor Boat Upstream
10:55-11:20		River Tour: How the River Has Changed
11:20-11:30	On the River	Motor Boat Downstream
11:30-11:50		River Tour: Sediment on the Missouri River
11:50-12:00		Motor Boat Downstream
12:00-12:40	Public Access Boat Ramp	Lunch
12:40-1:00	Public Access Boat Ramp	Morning Reflection & Recap Safety
1:00-1:10	On the River	Motor Boat Downstream
1:10-1:30	On the River	River Tour: Bottom of the River
1:30-1:40		Motor Boat Downstream
1:40-2:20		River Tour: Pallid Sturgeon
2:20-2:40		Motor Boat Upstream to the Chute
2:40-3:15		River Tour: Planning and Management of a Chute
3:15-3:30		Motor Boat: Back to Boat Ramp
3:30-3:45	Public Access Boat Ramp	Return to Boat Ramp, Unload and Return Life Jackets
3:45-4:00		Conclusion and Reflection
4:00		Educators Depart

**Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Connecting Others to the Missouri River**

How do we deepen a sense of responsibility to the care of the Missouri River?

8:45-9:00	In Classroom	Check In
9:00-9:10		Welcome and Overview of the Schedule
9:10-9:20		Introduction to Missouri River Lesson Plan
9:20-10:15		Constructing Understanding: How People Learn
10:15-11:00		Lesson Plan Demo: Missouri River Food Web
11:00-12:00	Walking Tour	History of the Missouri River
Transit: Drive or walk to Local Place		
12:10-1:00	Local Place	Lunch
Transit: Drive or walk to Classroom Facility		
1:10-1:30	In Classroom	Explore the Classroom Facility
1:30-3:00		Draft Missouri River Lesson Plan
3:00-3:30		Lesson Plan Feedback and Gallery Walk
3:30-3:50		Conclusion and Reflection
3:50-4:00		Program Evaluations
Transit: Drive or walk educators back to vehicles		
4:00		Educators Depart