Hands On - On The River

The mission of Missouri River Relief is to engage individuals and communities along the Missouri River in the exploration, enjoyment, restoration and care of the river through hands-on river clean-ups, education events & stewardship activities.

Allow us to extend a sincere thank you on behalf of River Relief for joining our efforts along the Missouri River in 2012.

The past two years have been uniquely challenging in the Missouri River basin with record-breaking floods followed by record-breaking heat and drought. Many people are rethinking their relationship to the river but one thing remains the same - Missouri River Relief’s mission to bring people to the river with the common goal of improving it.

We started 2012 conducting cleanups in Missouri communities and then we moved upriver in the fall season to help cities recovering from the Flood of 2011—Omaha, Council Bluffs, St. Joseph and Kansas City. We discovered major differences following the flood—high mortality of trees in riparian forests and different accumulations of trash. We cleaned up more industrial-style debris while smaller litter tended to wash out far from the shores at the high-water line.

What makes it possible is a nucleus of engaged community partners, citizen groups, families, individuals, a dedicated volunteer crew, state and federal agencies, local river businesses and infrastructure, and a long list of sponsors to help provide the cash and services it takes to mobilize this clean-up effort, all with a simple, but difficult goal; bringing their community together across city and state boundaries to work along a single river system.

It’s a true Missouri River, community effort.

2012 was Missouri River Relief’s 11th year of serving as the central hub of all of these community groups and it was a great success thanks to you!

To see our full results report, photos and more in depth stories, visit: http://www.riverrelief.org/results/2012/
How can I help?

- **Donate** - It takes cash to turn the props!
- **Volunteer** - at one of our community clean-ups.
- **Share you knowledge** - at a river education event.
- **Partner with us!** - We are looking for partnering agencies, businesses and non-profits that want to leave the river a better place. If you have ideas on projects that need accomplished, let’s work together to make it happen.
- **Sponsor an event** - Show your business cares about the river. Sponsor one of our clean-up or restoration efforts.
- **Keep posted on our website** - as details develop, we’ll keep our needs and events posted on the web. That’s where you can sign-up to help, www.riverrelief.org.
- **Spread the word!** - Help us get the word out! Recruit your friends!

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