ONE RIVER.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT
2014: EDUCATION ON THE RISE

Missouri River Relief’s mission 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 and stewardship activities.

MRR’s unique brand of education blasted off in 2014 with a commitment of resources in time, energy and money.

We hired an education coordinator which boosted our full-time professional staff to four people. This expansion allowed us to initiate a river camp for the first time in conjunction with Summers@Mizzou and we started making in-school presentations.

These new projects complemented our regular menu of educational programs and the monthly Big Muddy Speakers Series. That was on top of our clean-ups, boat rides and educational events we host every year.

In 2014, MRR discovered that the Missouri River is more than a classroom and more than a laboratory—this tremendous natural treasure provides a huge CAMPUS that can teach lessons to people of all ages. I encourage you to enroll in a “river course” at one of our events.

See You On The River,

Jeff Barrow,
Director, Missouri River Relief

MEET THE STAFF & CREW

Steve Schnarr has been Program Manager for MRR since 2005. He’s also secretly a fantastic cook, talented writer and calm force behind nearly all 2014 events.

Melanie Cheney’s nickname is “Reminder in Chief” and for good reason—she is a demon with details. Her floral arranging skills know no bounds and she has been Assistant Program Manager for MRR since 2008.

Alex Prentice is a prairie fish scholar, catfish cook and a creative Education Coordinator. An outstanding addition to our growing staff.

Mary Stilwell. Accountant, updates MRR finances every week—a task worthy of sainthood for such an active crowd.

John Brady is MRR’s Fleet Manager and poet laureate.

Racin’ Dave Stevens, MRR Mechanic cares for our vehicles and boats with the attention he gives to motorcycles in his shop. A high honor indeed.

Gale Johnson was crew cook during our Big Muddy Clean Sweep. She’s also a fitting masthead as first mate and overall asset to the crew.

Anthony Pettit served on the Clean Sweep crew. He's best known for easy boat rides and locks in his earlobes.

Jen Davis was an invaluable seasonal crew member on the river and a hard-working intern in our office.

Tim Nigh was also on the Clean Sweep crew. He is our sage advisor in seasonal on- and off-river events as well as a founding member of MRR.
WE CLEANED 107 RIVERMILES IN 2014

...AND 76,000 LBS OF TRASH

* 2014 MRR cleanups more than 1 ton are indicated on map

St. Joseph: 1.05 tons
Ft. Leavenworth/Weston: 4.7 tons
Brunswick: 1.6 tons
Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge: 1.2 tons
Boonville: 2.6 tons
Easley: 2.17 tons
Jefferson City: 2.4 tons
Confluence: 5.98 tons
Hermann: 3.15 tons

We had never visited this stretch before. With the river in flood stage, we canceled a series of Glasgow clean-ups. As the crest passed, our Clean Sweep crew headed downstream to Boonville, picking up all the floating trash we could find and stopping in the woods where floods had deposited trash in the past.

FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING: Our first clean-ups of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers properties in the Kansas City District at Providence and Weston Bends. We found glass galore—a strange trait we see at sites that haven’t been cleaned since the 1993 flood.

BARGE ALERT! The last time we ran a Big Muddy Clean Sweep, a barge swept long distances. This year, we were under that record by just 10 miles!
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### Financial Information

**Revenue**
- 0% Interest
- 24.3% Corporate
- 29.7% Government
- 4.5% City/Community
- 41.5% Personal & Misc

Total: $221,643

**Expenses**
- 16% Outreach
- 9% Insurance
- 7% Fleet
- 52% Events & Education
- 16% Administrative

Total: $243,810

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**2014**

**Missouri River Relief**

**Partner of the Year**

awarded to **JOAN READ**, “Pick-Up Boonville,” Community Organizer

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For many citizens along the Missouri River, a River Relief clean-up, canoe race or education event is their FIRST STEP INTO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RIVER we share.
“While it has been a great experience getting to meet everyone involved in MRR, I have also used my newfound affiliation with them to bring friends of mine into the fold. **THIS CONTINUATION OF STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION IS INVALUABLE,** as that is how others learn to value these qualities, and rather than let the legacy flounder with one person, they spread the word to others long down the road.”

- Ashley White, MDC, in a nomination letter for the G. Andy Runge Award, presented by the Wildlife Society in 2014

*BSince 2001, instances of high-quality river experiences*

**BARGE ALERT!** The last time we ran a Big Muddy Clean Sweep with a barge, people came out in droves. That’s why 2011 numbers are so high.

Chart reflects educational river trips, learning festivals and booths, Big Muddy Speakers Series, Missouri River presentations, conferences and workshops, river races, tree planting and other restoration projects, and water quality monitoring trips. **This is a statistic you want to become.**
WE EDUCATED 5,000 PEOPLE IN 2014

30 BIG MUDDY SPEAKERS SERIES
Learn more about it at bigmuddyspeakers.org

20 LEARNING FESTIVALS
Including booths and festivals across Missouri

4 WATER QUALITY MONITORING EVENTS

6 RIVER TRIPS THAT WERE EDUCATIONAL
Shh! Don’t tell the students!

MRR Education Coordinator Alex Prentice shows an enviroscape illustrating pollution to students at New Franklin Elementary. Principal Dawn Shipp writes, “The kids really enjoyed it and I’ve heard many positive comments. THANKS AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL AND EDUCATION IN GENERAL.”
OUR 2014 SPONSORS MADE THIS HAPPEN

$20,000 TO $30,000
Missouri American Water
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

$10,000 TO $19,999
Pat Jones
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Ecological Services
  Columbia Field Office
Hulston Family Foundation
Missouri Department of Conservation

$5,000 TO $9,999
National Environmental Education Fund
Great Rivers Greenway District
Rivermiles, Inc.
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$2,000 TO $4,999
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National Park Service
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$500 TO $1,999
K-State Olathe
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OUR WISHLIST:

☐ Stream Table that simulates River Processes: $5,000

☐ Wild and Scenic Film Festival: $2,800

☐ Wilderness First Responder Training for Staff: $750 (per person)

☐ Waterproof Digital Camera: $300

☐ Pop-Up Tents: $150 each

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