



Become a Missouri River Explorer!

Explore. Learn. Protect. The Missouri River Explorer motto is recited by people up and down the river. Each Explorer makes a pledge to protect the Missouri River, to continue learning about the environment, and to share their adventures with friends and family.

The Missouri River Explorer program is an activity-based program that is conducted by Missouri River Relief. These activity cards are distributed at our Missouri River Cleanup events. Those interested can complete the series during a visit to the Missouri River, share their experience with a crew or staff member and receive a patch upon completion of the card.



To become a Missouri River Explorer, you must complete these requirements.

Part One – Explore the Missouri River

The candidate shall complete at least **two** of these four activities or similar activities:

- Find life along the Missouri River, take a hike and take a photograph of something living.
- Get inspired by the Missouri River and create a piece of artwork.
- Watch the sunset over the Missouri River and write a story or poem about the experience.
- Attend a Missouri River Relief program (i.e., presentation, boat ride, education program). Please note that there might be a fee for our summer camp programs.

Part Two – Learn About the Missouri River

The candidate shall complete at least **two** of the four activities or similar activities.

- Read a book about the environment and explain how it relates to the Missouri River.
- Choose something living to investigate related to the Missouri River. Draw a picture and describe what it eats, where it lives and how it relies on the Missouri River.
- Research a riverboat, artifact or historical person on the Missouri River. Make a poster of your boat, artifact, or person and describe its importance in our history.
- Watch the “Exploring the Missouri River: A Virtual Field Trip” and write three questions that you thought of while viewing the film.

Part Three – Protect the Missouri River

The candidate must complete at least **two** of the three service projects. These may include:

- Attending a Missouri River Relief Cleanup hosted by Missouri River Relief or Missouri Stream Team. Please note registration is required before the event on our website.
- Conduct a neighborhood cleanup or visit a Missouri River boat ramp to pick up litter.
- Create a haven for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Plant a native plant, provide a water source, create shelter from harsh weather/predators or a place to raise young.



Missouri River Explorer Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date	Activity	Verified By*
Part One – Explore the Missouri River		
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Part Two – Learn About the Missouri River		
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Part Three – Protect the Missouri River		
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<i>*Verification to be Signed by Missouri River Relief Crew or Staff.</i>		

This program can be completed by an individual, family or as a group project. The requirements can be completed in any order at events hosted by Missouri River Relief or at home. There is no time limit to complete the program. Keep this activity card with you until you complete the requirements to serve as a record. Present evidence of an activity along with the card to crew or staff in order for it to be verified. Upon completion, turn your card in at any event hosted by Missouri River Relief to receive your patch. You may also submit your activity card via our website or by mailing the card to our provided address.



Once you earn your first patch, you can start over and do it again, earning a blue river patch with each completed card. This program is designed for ages 5 to 18 years old, although people of all ages can participate.