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Kid's Water Festival Makes a Splash

A tide of more than 1,400 fourth and fifth graders will surge onto the Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus for the 16th annual Children's Clean Water Festival on Thursday, April 30, 2009 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The free, day-long Festival will engage students from 54 classes and 23 schools in more than 50 hands-on activities, classroom presentations and stage shows that focus on a variety of water-related issues including water science, ecology, native fish, water quality and ways they can protect and conserve natural resources.

“The Festival provides a forum for children and teachers to explore the importance of water,” said Chris Shaw Conservation & Public Relations Coordinator for Rockwood Water PUD, and co-chair of the Festival's planning committee. “Our hope is that these students will feel excited and empowered by what they learn at the Festival.”

This year's Festival will include 32 classroom presenters and 21 exhibitors representing a variety of public, private, and non-profit organizations that are committed to water and environmental education in the Portland metro region. In addition, approximately 80 volunteers will play a variety of roles to help make the Festival a success.

More information on the Festival can be found at www.cleanwaterfestival.org or by contacting Chris Shaw (see above contact info).