

# 2023 Review



# Children's Water Festival

CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



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### 2023 Children's Water Festival

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The Children's Water Festival is a one-day **FREE** outdoor event bringing water professionals from around the state to support 4th and 5th grade students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) while meeting science academic standards and Common Core State Standards. Classes rotate through seven different stations learning about a variety of water-related topics and conducting hands-on activities. The stations are administered by professionals with expertise in water and ecology-related science. These activities are meant to introduce the complex water issues facing our community and foster an appreciation for the value of water.



# SPONSORS

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### We couldn't do this without you!

*Without the help from our sponsors there would be no water festival. 100% of all sponsor contributions are used for venues, equipment rentals, school transportation, meals and t-shirts for volunteers, teacher bags and materials, miscellaneous supplies, and large presentations. CCWCD raised a total of \$16,301.00 for the 2023 water festivals. Sponsors of the festival were Poudre Heritage Alliance, West Greeley Conservation District, Weld County Farm Bureau, Northern Water, Principia Mathematica, O'Neil Electric, Lawrence Custer Grasmick Jones & Donovan LLC, White Sands Water Engineers, Tim Chavies & Associates, Metro Water Recovery, McCrometer, Farmers Independent Ditch Company, Greeley Irrigation Company, Quality Well & Pump, Town of Platteville, and North Poudre Irrigation Company. Poudre Learning Center and Greeley Evans School District 6 gave an in-kind donation allowing the festival to be held at the learning Center.*

# VOLUNTEERS



## **Volunteers are the heart of the festival!**

*90% of all presentation were presented by volunteers from around the state. Volunteers are also needed to keep the festival moving along. Jobs like presentation timers, Drip the mascot, taking photos, directing teachers, setting-up before and cleaning-up after the festival is all handled by local volunteers. Community members, Greeley Evans School District 6, Northern Water, and Poudre Heritage Alliance, all support the festival by providing volunteers. Presenters from Colorado Foundation for Ag, National Weather Service, Northern Colorado Beekeepers Association, Gardens on Spring Creek, Northern Water, Rocky Mountain Fly Casters, Trout Unlimited, Town of Windsor, USDA Forest Service, Poudre Wilderness Volunteers – Kids in Nature, NRCS, Weld County Weed Division, White Water Canoe, A1 Organics, Banner Health, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, City of Greeley, Greeley Fire Protection, Poudre Learning Center, Colorado Parks and Recreation, Weld County Master Gardeners, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, Metro Water Recovery, South Platte Valley Historic Society, Adams County, Colorado State Land Board, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado Rural Water Association, and Colorado State University were among the presenters at the 2023 festivals.*

# TEACHERS



## **Thanks for choosing the Children's Water Festival!**

*Fourth and fifth grade classrooms were invited to join the festivals. Invitations were sent by USPS to every elementary school within Central's Boundaries. Central's boundaries follow the South Platte River of Adams, Weld and Morgan Counties. Districts include schools from, Brighton School District 27J, Weld Re3J – Hudson, Weld Re1- Gilcrest, Saint Vrain, Valley School District, Greeley Evans School District 6, Weld Re4 - Windsor, Weld Re 5J, Johnstown Milliken, Eaton School District, and Fort Morgan School District. There were 45-classrooms with 1,040-students in attendance at the 2023 Children's Water Festivals in Greeley and 43-classrooms with 1071- students at the fall festival at South Platte Valley Historical Park in Fort Lupton.*



# FUTURE

## Goals for 2024!

### Alternate Date

*We hope to add an alternate date as a backup due to bad weather on the day of the festival. Moving the South Platte Valley festival to the fall will allow for an alternate date at both festivals. An alternate date is not an option with both festivals being held in the spring.*

### Sponsors

*We hope to gain more sponsors from South Weld County and raise our donation level to \$25,000 for the 2024 water festivals. We will do this by promoting the festival in the Brighton, Fort Lupton, Platteville and Gilcrest areas.*

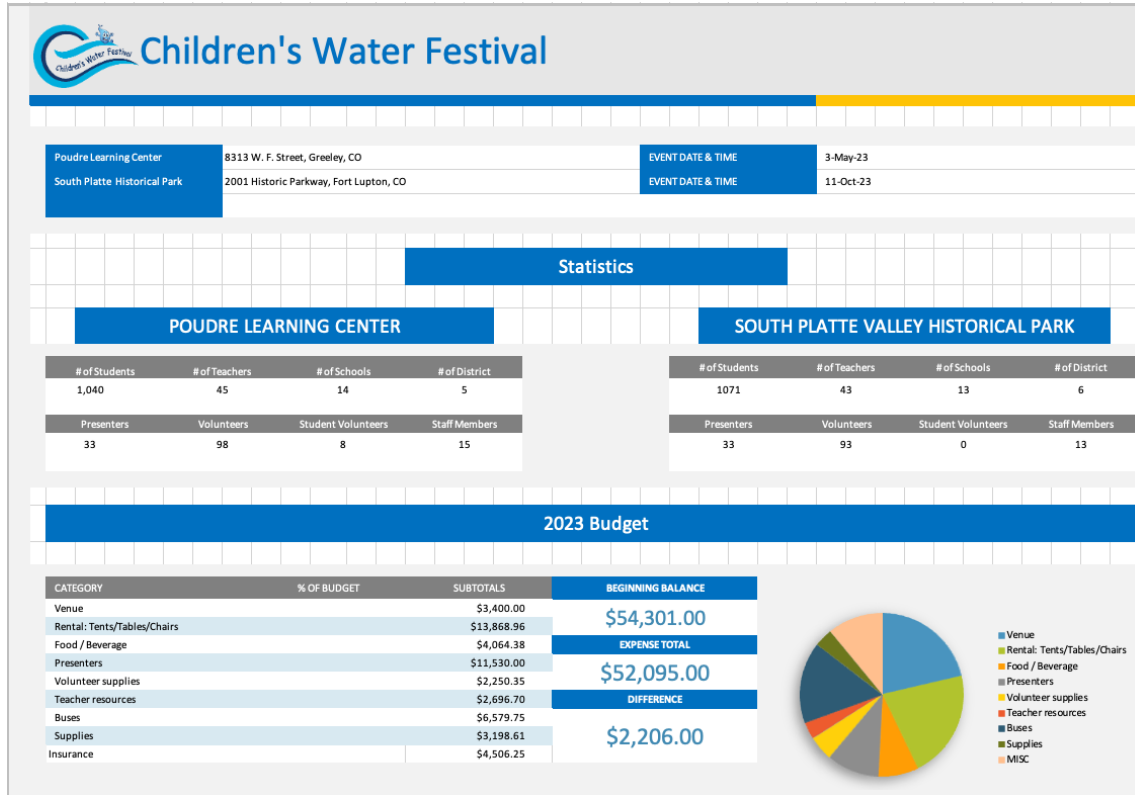
### Volunteers

*It is our goal to involve the local communities as much as we can. We will reach out to the cities, towns, organizations, and businesses along the South Platte River. We would also like to expand on the local FFA Chapters and other high school programs.*

### Teachers

*We met our goal of doubling the number of students at the South Platte Valley festival. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the spring festival at South Platte Valley Historic Park due to a damaging storm the night before. That cancelation was a blessing in disguise. We rescheduled and held the festival on October 11, 2023, and the weather was awesome. We will continue to hold the South Platte Valley Historic Park festival in the fall, this will allow us to have a make-up date in case of inclement weather. We will begin promoting the fall festival at the beginning of the 2024 school year; however, registration is open now. For the Poudre Learning Center location, we plan to keep the festival in the spring with the total number of students around 1200.*

# BUDGET RESULTS



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