

CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 2024



CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
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Find out more information at the Children's Water Festival website.



SPONSORS

We couldn't do this without you!

Your sponsorship provides a unique opportunity for children to participate in interactive water displays and presentations, as well as providing bus transportation to-and-from the festival for elementary schools with limited budgets. Students attend multiple sessions throughout the day learning about all aspects of water.

"Thank you for your generous support of the Children's Water Festival. Together, we are making a difference in their education and inspiring future stewards of our precious water resources!"

2024 SPONSORS

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River Level



Tributaries Level



Principia Mathematica

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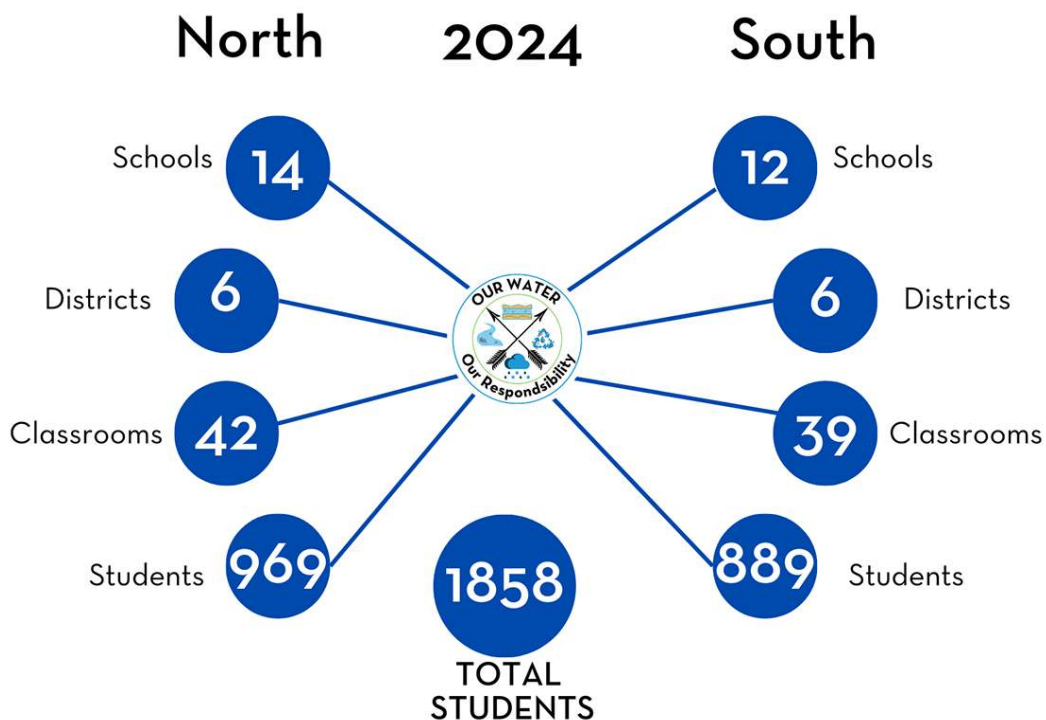
SUMMARY



The festival offers a FREE, one-day experience for 4th and 5th grade students from Adams, Weld, and Morgan Counties. Annually, it draws approximately 2,400 students, from public, private, and home schools. The event focuses on the vital role that water plays in our daily lives. Through engaging hands-on activities, lively entertainment, and interactive displays, students gain practical knowledge on the concepts that water plays in our ecosystem. The festival focuses on how water provides us with the water we drink, supports the production of the food we eat, as well as manufacturing the products we use daily and our recreation.

The spring festival was held on May 1, 2024 at the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley. The fall festival was held on October 9, 2024 at the Adams County Fair Grounds.

By the numbers:



VOLUNTEERS

The water festival depends on professionals and organizations from around the front range to volunteer their time to present to students. Many serve at both festivals. It also takes many volunteers to keep the festival running smoothly.

2024 festival presenters were:

- Cache la Poudre National Heritage area
- USDA Natural Resources Cons. Services
- Poudre Wilderness Services
- Greeley Fire Department
- National Weather Services
- Colorado State University
- West Greeley Conservation District
- U. S. Department of Ag Forest Service
- Poudre Learning Center
- Colorado Ag in the Classroom
- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
- Colorado State Land Board
- White Water Canoe Company
- Rocky Mountain Flycasters
- Agriculture Water Quality Program
- Banner Health
- Town of Windsor
- City of Greeley
- Adams County
- S. Platte Valley Historical Society
- Oceans First Institute
- History Colorado
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Michelle Schaub, Author
- Colorado Youth Outdoors
- Colorado Pork Producer Council
- Colorado Agrivoltaics Learning Center
- Colorado State University

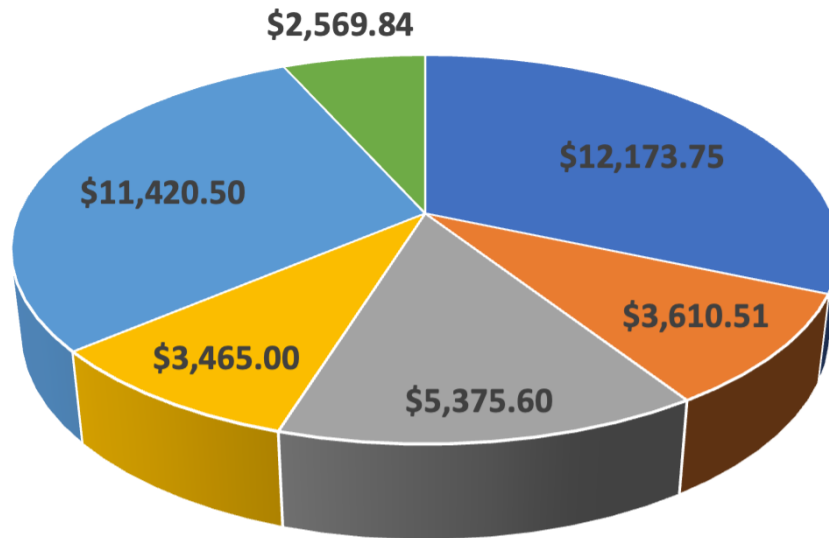
Children's Water Festival 2024 Presenters



Community volunteers were Carrie Alles, Julie Church, Carrie Schmil, Caroline Gatis, Mary Kendrick, and Tammy Brown.

Budget

2024 COMBINED FESTIVAL BUDGET



■ Presenters ■ Buses ■ Volunteers ■ Supplies ■ Vendors ■ New Equipment

The combined total of the festivals is \$38,615.20

Sponsorship donations were \$34,301.00

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

“Both the Poudre Learning Center and Adams County Fairgrounds graciously donated the venue at no cost. “

Future

New Location

The Adams County Fairgrounds graciously donated space for the fall Children's Water Festival. The 2024 festival was held at the Waymire Dome and grounds just to the west of the building. This is an amazing location for the festival. The Adams County Fairgrounds location can accommodate the festival in good and bad weather conditions so there is no need for an alternate date. **Sponsors**

We appreciate our sponsors more than they will ever know. We could not hold the festivals without our generous sponsors. We continue to look for ways to acknowledge their contributions. We will continue to provide the opportunity for new sponsors to help support the teachers and students of Weld, Adams and Morgan Counties.

Volunteers

The goal of The Children's Water Festival is to allow students to dive deeper into water related issues that face the South Platte River Basin, where our food comes from and how to be better stewards of our natural resources. The presenters, exhibitors and volunteers of the festival is the backbone of making this happen. It is our goal to involve more local communities and organizations that we can. We will continue to reach out to the cities, towns, organizations, clubs, and businesses along the South Platte River.

Teachers

We added nine new presenters in 2024, more are needed to increase the number of classrooms at each festival. Classrooms simultaneously rotate through seven different activities throughout the day. Teachers continue to struggle with scheduling buses. Due to our amazing sponsors, we have been able to fund busing for the schools that need help with transportation expenses. The problem seems to be with the number of bus drivers now rather than the cost. We continue to search for answers to the busing situation.



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