



Evaluation of the 'Shed at the 2001 MN State Fair

- ☺ Of the 47 active organizations that make up the WaterShed Partners, 25 of them volunteered to staff the WaterShed Exhibit during the 12-day State Fair. (See page 2)
- ☺ We had only 4 shifts in which no one was staffing the Exhibit.
- ☺ The DNR reported that 600,000 people total entered the DNR building.
- ☺ The overall estimated number of visitors to the WaterShed Exhibit during the 2001 Minnesota State Fair was 100,000. That is up from the estimated 58,650 during the 2000 Fair.
- ☺ The Minnesota State Fair web site (<http://www.mnstatefair.org>) reports that there was an all-time record in **2001 for TOTAL ATTENDANCE =1,762,976!!** That is up 80,351 people from 2000!
- ☺ Overall, Table 1 (What is a Watershed?) was the most visited portion of the Exhibit, with Table 4 (Clean Water Starts With You) coming in a close second. The new MN statewide interactive kiosk on Table 2 was very successful.

COMMENTS TAKEN FROM SHIFT EVALUATION FORMS:

- Volunteers made it clear that we needed to have PENS to fill out the evaluations next year.
- The pump handle was continuously falling off, and it was repaired on Thurs. Aug. 30th. Thanks for all of the volunteers who put up with that. Also, the pump itself was leaking. That too was fixed Friday Aug. 31st.
- The shift evaluations indicated a mixed response to the brochures. Some people said the brochures were excellent. Others said the brochures were boring and not too popular, but magnets went extremely fast. Handouts that are more oriented towards kids are needed. Also, we need to relocate the brochure rack to make it more obvious.
- The Computers need a return to main menu function at each frame. On the MN statewide puzzle kiosk, once you click on a particular language, it stays in that language until the computer goes back to its default mode. There needs to be a way to change back to English quicker.
- The volunteers very grateful to the NEW chairs this year.
- We need to include a list of watershed districts, and contact info for all the partners

**Congratulations to all of the Partners for a record breaking
Mn. State Fair WaterShed Exhibit!
Once again, a special thanks to everyone
who volunteered their time to help the Partners!!!**

ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE REPRESENTED AT THE 2001 MN STATE FAIR WATERSHED EXHIBIT

1. ANOKA COUNTY PARKS – Lisa Gilliland
2. CAPTIOL REGION WATERSHED DISTRICT – Jane Dusek
3. CGEE – Pamela Jessup, Kennlyn Jessup, John Shepard, Kate Barker, Tracy Fredin
4. CITY OF BLOOMINGTON – Diana Frank
5. DAKOTA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM – Daniel Huff, Laura Huff, Jennifer Morrow
6. FORTIN CONSULTING – Connie Fortin
7. FRESHWATER SOCIETY – Jeanne Prok
8. FRIENDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER – Alyssa Hawkins, Katie Galloway
9. HENNEPIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Carolyn Dindorf, Tim Reese
10. LOWER MN. RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT – Kevin Bigalke
11. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL – Cammy Johnson, Mary Demars, Carl Swaggart, Cassie Champion, Lisa Hall, Kevin Rogers, Nanette Geroux, Jeffrey Jax, Melba Hensel, Mike Flaherty, special thanks to Pauline Langsdorf for organizing and sending us 10 volunteers!! Way above and beyond the call of duty!!
12. MINNEAPOLIS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT – Jon Steadland
13. MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL RIVER AND RECREATION AREA – Lyndon Torstenson, Mary Maule, John Avoles, and 3 other volunteers!
14. MN BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES – Ron Struss. Emma Struss
15. MN. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE – Jerry Spetzman
16. PROJECT WET (DNR) – April Rust
17. RAMSEY-WASHINGTON METRO WATERSHED DISTRICT – Louise Watson, Cliff Aichinger, and 4 other volunteers!
18. RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NPS) – Randy Thoreson
19. SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MN. – Jim Heintzman
20. ST. CROIX RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLANNING TEAM – Pam Davis
21. ST. PAUL PUBLIC WORKS – Anne Weber
22. UNIVERSITY OF MN EXTENSION SERVICE WATER RESOURCES CENTER – Barb Luikkonen, Bob Luikkonen
23. VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORING PARTNERSHIP – Mary Gullickson, Julia Frost
24. WARGO NATURE CENTER – Deb Gallop, Carly Hawkinson
25. WATERSHED PROTECTION INITIATIVE (MNDNR) – Michele Hanson, Ken Hanson

Also, thanks to Debbie Meister and her daughter Erin Meister.
Thanks to Tim Reese for recruiting a middle school teacher and her student.
Thanks to the many relatives of the partners for coming along to volunteer!