



# Confluence River Cleanup

September 13, 2008

## Results

**Total Volunteers:** 168

**MRR Crew:** 19

**Boats:** 9 (2 US Fish & Wildlife; 2 MO Dept. of Conservation; 4 MO River Relief, 1 Big Muddy National Fish & Wildlife Refuge)

**River Miles:** 11 Missouri, 1 Mississippi

**River Level:** 15.1 feet (St. Charles gage)

**Trash Tons (not including tires):** 4.1

**Tires:** 65 – (including one monster tractor tire 4 feet in diameter weighing over 500 lbs-total estimated tire tonnage: 1.3 tons)

**Names of River Teams:** “Oscar the Trashman, the Wally’s, the Thunderbirds, the River Rats, Stream Team 211, BEEP (Boeing Employees for Environmental Protection), Water Girl, the Nature Nuts, Grassy Grassos, the Mud Bugs, Altogether, the Odd Balls, Bank of America, Girl Talk, Rocks the Boat”

**Stream Teams:** 519, 2793, 1782, 401, the mighty 211, 1995 (DeSoto Car Shop Team), BEEP, 1875, 439 (Parkway North Nature Nuts)

**Other Groups:** Lindbergh High School, Washington University Alpha Phi Omega, Washington University Physical Therapy, Girl Scout Troop #607, Bank of America Employees, Big Muddy Adventures.



*Members of Missouri River Relief and Arnold Stream Team #211 work to remove a refrigerator from a driftpile on the banks of the Missouri River. From top: 1. The fridge is removed from the driftwood with a chainsaw and brute force. 2. It's rolled into the plate boat to be taken to the ramp. 3. MDC skid steer operator Mike Caby hauls the fridge up the ramp for disposal.*

*photos by Vicki Richmond*



September 13, 2008, was Missouri River Relief's third clean-up at the Confluence, and once again it was a great success. 168 volunteers ignored a stormy weather forecast and hit the river in force.

With some crews heading upstream to the Sioux Passage Ramp, and others cruising out onto the Mississippi River, a massive amount of trash was brought to shore by Missouri River Relief's hardworking trash boats.

Many groups and individuals were dedicated Missouri River clean-up crews, having been to four or more clean-up events in the St. Louis area. One of these, Mike Clark of Big Muddy Adventures, took a crew of volunteers for an afternoon trash run in his 24 foot canoe, the Clipper! Several of our agency boat drivers had been to Friday's Watershed Festival and stuck around for the cleanup as well.



for more results, stories and photos, check out our blog: <http://riverrelief.blogspot.com/search/label/Confluence>

# Trash Tally!



above - members of Arnold Stream Team #211 help load trash collected by volunteers  
below - a fox checks out a bag of trash near the river  
right - volunteers dig a massive heavy equipment tire near the 367 bridge

photos by Scot Heidbrink & Melanie Cheney



*(partial list of trash collected)*

- 152 Large Bags of Trash
- 65 tires (including one monster tractor tire 4 feet in diameter weighing over 500 lbs)
- 5 refrigerators
- 2 chairs
- 2 blue 55-gallon plastic barrels
- 3 metal 55-gallon drums
- 9 large styrofoam chunks
- 33 pieces of scrap metal
- 2 five gallon buckets
- 1 inflated green floaty ring
- 1 Tigger toy ball
- 1 full beer can labeled "211" found by Stream Team 211
- 1 German plastic toy soldier
- 1 green plastic shed
- 1 bike frame
- 1 blanket
- 1 tent
- 2 gas tanks
- 1 Sit & Spin toy
- 1 douche
- 1 mail box
- 1 toilet float
- 1 sand-buried, dilapidated metal shed
- 1 hot water heater
- 1 metal sign
- 1 baseball bat
- 3 propane tanks
- 1 fisherman's jug w/ hook
- 1 bicycle (well past its prime)

- 1 bed spring frame
- 1 table
- 1 large metal ratchet
- 1-30 gallon metal tank
- 2-50 gallon plastic garbage can
- 3 barge cables
- 1 construction barrel
- 1/2 of a metal drum
- 1 barge turnbuckle key
- 1 car seat
- 1 TV picture tube
- wood stakes
- 1 truck headlight
- 1 cooler
- 1 toilet seat



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