

Water, Water, Everywhere!

The 2008 Maryland/Delaware Children's Water Festival

On May 8, 2008, more than 1,500 fourth and fifth graders from Maryland and Delaware schools participated in an exciting, educational water festival at Delaware Technical Community College in Dover, Delaware.

Students participated in hands-on activities to help them learn where their water comes from and why it is important to protect and conserve water resources.

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environment Control Secretary John A. Hughes also made an appearance at the festival. "So much depends upon our water resources - our health, comfort and standard of living," said Secretary Hughes. "The Winning Water Festival is an enriching experience for hundreds of young students and teaches water protection and conservation practices that will last a lifetime."

Students attending the festival agreed that learning about water is important. As one fourth grader from Westside Intermediate School in Hebron, Maryland said, "We need water to drink and we need to learn how to keep it clean." "I think learning about water is important because we only have a little bit and we have to use it wisely," added another fourth grader from Woodbridge Elementary in Greenwood, Delaware.

A teacher from Woodbridge Elementary described the festival as "memorable." "I thought every activity had something positive to offer for the students," added another. "Not only did they learn about water, but about water-related job opportunities that are available."



At Right: Singer/Songwriter/ Guitarist Susan Savia entertains students at the Team H₂O Pit Stop.



At Left: Festival attendees examine the watershed model in the Water Activity Hall.



The "Winning Water" festival was held on May 8, 2008 as part of National Drinking Water Week.



Above: Students get a close-up look at a well drilling rig, and learn how groundwater is brought to the surface.



Above: Delaware Tech's mascot offers a warm welcome!



More than 45 presenters and 190 volunteers pitched in to make the event a success. Festival Coordinator Dawn Greene and the Winning Water Organizing Committee also wish to thank John's Well Drilling, Inc., for providing the on-site well drilling rig, and Gary Simpson Construction, for donating the race car.



The organizing committee had been planning the event since January 2007.

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