SPARTA GROUNDWATER COMMISSION

SPARTA FOUNDATION





A CHARITY DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE SPARTA AQUIFER • CONSERVATION • EDUCATION • PRESERVATION • RECOVERY

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SPARTA WATERFEST GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

THE LEARNER WILL EXPLAIN THE REASONS WHY CONSERVATION OF WATER IS NECESSARY AND TELL EFFECTIVE METHODS OF DOMESTIC CONSERVATION INCLUDING NEW TECHNOLOGY.

- i. THE LEARNER WILL PHYSICALLY DEMONSTRATE THE AMOUNT OF WATER USED DAILY BY AVERAGE AMERICANS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A WATER RELAY.
- ii. THE LEARNER WILL OBSERVE RIGHT OF CAPTURE LAW VS. EQUAL QUANTITY LAW
- iii. THE LEARNER WILL DISCOVER THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF WATER USED IN THEIR HOME, POSSIBLE WAYS TO CONSERVE, AND BE INTRODUCED TO NEW HIGH EFFICIENCY APPLIANCES AND LOW FLOW APPARATUS THROUGH LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION.

THE LEARNER WILL DEMONSTRATE AND ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF THE WATER SCIENCE OF THE SPARTA AQUIFER INCLUDING BIOLOGICAL COMPOSITION, REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ISSUES AND GEOLOGICAL MAKE-UP.

- i. THE LEARNER WILL DISCOVER WHAT LIVING ORGANISMS RESIDE IN POTABLE WATER THRU THE USE OF MICROSCOPES.
- ii. THROUGH USGS DATA, THE LEARNER WILL OBTAIN SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN FACTS ABOUT THE DEPLETION OF THE SPARTA AQUIFER, AREAS AFFECTED, AND GEOLOGICAL MAKE-UP DEMONSTRATED THROUGH AN INTERACTIVE GROUNDWATER MODEL.
- iii. THROUGH INTERACTIVE ROLE PLAY, THE LEARNER WILL EXPERIENCE THE MOVEMENT OF WATER THROUGH A COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM; OBSERVE HOW POLLUTANTS ENTER THE SYSTEM, EFFECTIVENESS AND INEFFICIENCIES OF FILTRATION SYSTEMS AND EVENTUAL DEPOSIT INTO REGIONAL SURFACE WATER.



SPARTA WATERFEST ACTIVITIES AND CORRELATIONS

The students will learn a number of fun water lessons throughout the day.

1. How much do we use? - This activity demonstrates where in the home water is used and how much, how to reduce that use.

(ELA-4-M4): Demonstrate active listening strategies (e.g., asking focused questions, responding to questions, making visual contact)

- Ground Water Model This activity demonstrates what an aquifer is and how it works. (SI-M-B2): Recognize that investigations generally begin with a review of the work of others
- It's Alive This activity is science lessons where the students learn about all the little critters in their water. (ESS-M-B3): Estimate the range of time over which natural events occur (e.g., lightning in seconds, mountain formation over millions of years
 (SLM P1): Compare and critical existing acceptible investigations
 - (SI-M-B1): Compare and critique scientific investigations
- 4. The Long Haul This activity from the Project Wet water curriculum guide is a hand on relay race where students physically have to fill up a large trash barrel from a surface water source. This activity is a blast from the past for students to see how their grandparents had to get water into their homes.

(SI-M-B7): Identify areas in which technology has changed human lives (e.g.,

transportation communication, geographic information systems, DNA fingerprinting)

5. Pass the Jug – This activity is a social studies lesson on water law. Right of capture, first come first serve, or an equal amount rule for water use.

(SE-M-A2): Determine the ability of an ecosystem to support a population (carrying capacity) by identifying the resources needed by that population (ELA-4-M6): Participate in group and panel discussions

 Amazing Water - This activity demonstrates how actions in the home and yard affect water quality. (SE-M-A3): Identify and give examples of pollutants found in water, air, and soil (SE-MA4): Describe the consequences of several types of human activities on local ecosystem (e.g., polluting streams, regulating hunting, introducing nonnative species)



SPARTA WATERFEST PARTICIPATING GROUPS

LINCOLN PARISH UNION PARISH BIENVILLE PARISH WEBSTER PARISH

FIFTH GRADERS FROM ALL THE SCHOOLS IN THE ABOVE PARISHES PARTICIPATE IN A FULL DAY OF INTERACTIVE HYDROLOGY LESSONS IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS WE HAVE COORDINATED 12 EVENTS REACHING OVER 6,000 STUDENTS.

SPARTA WATERFEST SUPPORTING AGENCIES

LOUISIANA AG AND FORESTRY LA DEQ LSU AG EXTENSION CAPITAL WATER DISTRICT D'ARBONNE WATERSHED SCITEC LATECH LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY RUSTON'S LOCKER ROOM USGS USDA LA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION TRAILBLAZERS US FOREST SERVICE NRCS LOUISIANA STATE PARKS

SPARTA WATERFEST EVENT EXPENSES

EXPENSES

- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRAVELING PRESENTERS
 - MEALS FOR PRESENTERS
- EVENT T-SHIRTS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
 - SIGNAGE

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION

- BUS TRANSPORTATION
- STUDENT AND TEACHER LUNCHES

EACH EVENT COST APPROXIMATELY \$5000

CONTRIBUTIONS VALUED AT \$1500

SPARTA WATERFEST





TITLE SPONSOR \$2,500

TWO SPORTING TEAMS AND COMPANY LOGO ON ALL EVENT PARAPHERNALIA

CO-SPONSOR \$1,000

ONE SPORTING TEAM AND COMPANY LOGO ON EVENT T-SHIRTS AND SIGNAGE

STATION SPONSOR \$250

COMPANY LOGO DISPLAYED AT ONE STATION DURING THE EVENT

LUNCH SPONSOR \$750

COMPANY LOGO DISPLAYED AT LUNCH SITE

DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE DONATIONS

VERBAL RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER



OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF JAY RUSSELL DONATES THE OUACHITA PARISH SHOOTING RANGE AND CLAYS FOR OUR EVENTS.

EVENT EXPENSES

PLAQUES/AWARDS

INSURANCE FOR EVENT

CLAY THROWERS AND SET UP

LUNCH

T-SHIRTS

EVENT MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES



SPARTA WEBSITE



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TELEVISION COMMERCIALS

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

MOVIE THEATER ADVERTISEMENTS

WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$500,000 IN MEDIA PSAS SINCE 2005....

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We could save 1,500,000 gallons per day!

If everyone that used the Sparta aquifer simply turned the water off while they brushed their teeth, we could save 1.5 million gallons of water per day!

An open tap releases 3 gallons of water per minute. Before brushing, wet your brush, and fill a tumbler to rinse your mouth.

Make Every Drop Count!

Conserving water doesn't require a major change in lifestyle. It's mostly a matter of using good common sense!

A Public Service Announcement from this newspaper.

The declining Sparta Aquifer is the main water source for domestic and industrial users in north Louisiana.

Leaving your favorite bath toy high and dry?

When you keep tub baths to a minimum and take showers you're conserving water. Make sure you have a water-saving shower head and keep showers short. Savings: Up to 75% per shower.

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. An open tap releases 3 gallons of water per minute. Before brushing, wet your brush, and fill a tumbler to rinse your mouth. Savings: 3 gallons per minute.

Turn off the water while shaving. Fill a small container or the bottom of the sink with a few inches of water to rinse your razor. Savings: 3 gallons per minute.

Make every flush count. The toilet is the biggest water user in the house, taking up to 5 gallons of water with every flush. Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Savings: 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

UNION/BIENVILLE PARISH WATERFEST... OCTOBER 2 AND 3, 2014

> LINCOLN PARISH WATERFEST... OCTOBER 9 AND 10, 2014

> 4TH ANNUAL SPARTA SHOOT...

JUNE 6, 2015

ENDING THOUGHTS

DAILY WATER USAGE 2000... 68.28 MGD DAILY WATER USAGE 2005... 67.98 MGD DAILY WATER USAGE 2010... 63.11 MGD DAILY WATER USAGE 2012... 56.85 MGD

2000-2012 16.7% OVERALL DAILY USAGE DECLINE

HTTP://LA.WATER.USGS.GOV/PUBLICATIONS/PDFS/WATERUSE_(YR)_.PDF

OTHER CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE SPARTA REGION...

THE LINCOLN UNION INITIATIVE

MR. TED MCKINNEY