What is a Presentation at the Rouge River Water Festival all about?

Thank you so much for your consideration to volunteer your time and expertise as a presenter at the Rouge River Water Festival. Your time and effort as a professional will have an impact on the students for years to come. Below is a description of what a presentation at the Water Festival might include and how to make it engaging and pertinent to 5th grade students.

- The Water Festival format allows classes to attend four, 25-minute long presentations at various outdoor or indoor locations around the U of M-Dearborn campus.
- The overriding educational objective of the Festival is to leave the children with an appreciation of how water is integrated into all aspects of our lives and our social structure.
- Specific presentations use hands-on and group activities to create a dynamic learning experience in contrast to formal educational practices.

Expectations from presenters include:

- Be available on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 8AM to 2PM
- Offer up to six, 25-minute presentations (you will know your schedule)
- Prepare an interactive presentation for up to 35 fifth-grade students at a time
- Submit your registration online before March 10, 2016 at: [https://umdearborn.edu/eic/waterfest/presenters.html](https://umdearborn.edu/eic/waterfest/presenters.html)

Many past successful presentations include an activity, game or interesting demonstration. A few examples are:

- **Dirt Doctors**: Using squirt guns, students spray exposed soil and vegetated soil to witness erosion
- **Frog and Toad Orchestra**: Listen to the sounds of frogs and toads. Learn how they find suitable mates in the dark and watery wetlands.
- **Capture a Cloud**: Using a jar, create a cloud and create condensation to form precipitation.
- **Water Wheel of Fortune**: Spin the wheel and test your knowledge about water.
- **Fighting Fires**: Watch the fire hydrant release water and learn how water distribution is essential to fight building fires.
- **Treating #1 and #2**: Learn what happens to sewage after you flush.
- **Groundwater**: Look into a deep, dark well and measure what’s down there.

If you have further questions or would like to talk with us about your involvement please call us at 313-593-5338 or email us at eic@umic.edu. We may even have suggestions about topics or activities to help you plan your presentation.

Thank you for your consideration.