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# 2009 SOUTHERN MAINE CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

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Dear Educator:

December 2008

Please join us at the fourteenth **SOUTHERN MAINE CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL**, to occur on **May 22, 2009** at the USM campus in Portland! This exciting event is geared for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their teachers. The Festival features presentations, exhibits, quiz and stage shows; all focused on water. Students engage in hands-on activities about topics such as wetland habitats, lakes, wildlife, groundwater, and aquatic life. Free materials are available in a teacher resource room. It is active, fun, and very educational! This year's Festival theme is "**Clean Water: It's All About ME!**"

**There is no charge to send students to the Festival, and small grants are available to help defray the cost of bus transportation.** Schools in York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Kennebec, Franklin, and Oxford counties are eligible to apply.

The Festival's principal objectives are:

- 💧 To demonstrate water's properties, value, and protection methods,
- 💧 To provide student and teacher interaction with resource professionals,
- 💧 To provide teachers with resource materials and classroom activities,
- 💧 To develop career interest in environmental protection and education.

Time and space constraints limit the number of participants to <700 students and their teachers. Consequently, attendance at this Festival is not guaranteed but determined on a competitive basis. Teachers must apply, and are expected to conduct classroom activities about water prior to the Festival to familiarize their students with fundamental vocabulary and concepts. The organizing committee will provide materials and guidance for these activities.

To apply please fill out the attached two-sided application. Schools will be selected on the basis of how they have integrated or plan to integrate water topics into their curricula and on their geographical location. The selection committee especially values the essay section. Be sure it is postmarked by January 23, 2009. Accepted schools will be notified by February 28, 2009. If you would like to submit your application electronically, please email [cfecteau@pwd.org](mailto:cfecteau@pwd.org).

Remember, your application materials must be postmarked by **January 23, 2009**, and sent to:

**Southern Maine Children's Water Festival**  
c/o Camilla Fecteau  
Portland Water District  
1 White Rock Road  
Standish, Maine 04084

**Questions?** Call Camilla at (207) 774-5961, ext. 3319; or e-mail [cfecteau@pwd.org](mailto:cfecteau@pwd.org). Check our website for information about past water festivals: <http://www.maine.gov/dep//blwq/docteacher/cwf/>.

*2009 Festival Planning Committee:*

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