

## Festival Organizers

Since 1994, the festivals have been organized by a partnership including: Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, George Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, Maine Audubon Society, Maine Department of Education, Maine Drinking Water Program, Portland Water District, Poland Spring Bottling Company, Casco Bay Estuary Project, U. Maine Cooperative Extension, University of Maine at Orono, University of Southern Maine, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## 2007-08 Contact Information

For more information check out the Maine DEP Water Festival page at:

<http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/docteacher/cwf/index.htm>

Applications are sent to all schools with 5th and 6th grades, but if you want an application mailed to you directly, contact:

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## An Educational and Fun Science Experience for Your Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Graders



### Come to a Water Festival!

These events bring water resource professionals together to engage over 700 students in a one-day “immersion” in water issues.

**“...the hands on activities, the students' excitement about learning before going- it kept them engaged in lessons. After- they were so interested they wanted to keep learning.”**

Teacher quote

# What is a Water Festival?

Maine Water Festivals promote hands on learning about water issues. These one-day events bring together over 700 students and their teachers.

Water resource professionals from Maine and New England provide presentations and activities about water, wetlands, human health and aquatic life, and there are activities using music and art.



This experience is provided **at no cost** to

the participants. In fact, the festival provides funding to help schools pay the cost of transportation. The Festival goals are to teach students about the value of clean water and healthy habitats, and to provide teachers with materials and lessons that they can use for years to come. Also, many activities are aligned with Maine's Learning



Results.

Schools are chosen to attend on the basis of their applications- what they currently teach about water

and how they will use the Festival experience in their curriculum.

"I enjoy the mixture of all mediums. It helps to reach all learning styles."

Teacher quote



"Thank you for the opportunity to attend. In my four years of teaching, it was the most beneficial field trip I have taken with students."

Teacher quote



"It makes all the information they learn in school relevant to our everyday lives! Seeing is believing!"

Teacher quote



"We love the hands-on activities and the expertise shared by your presenters. The exhibit hall is another wonderful experience."

Teacher quote



## Location Information

The **Southern Maine Festival** is held each year in May at the University of Southern Maine Portland or Gorham Campus. Applications are mailed to schools with 5th and 6th grades in late November and are due in December. This Festival is open to students from the following counties: York, Cumberland, Oxford, Franklin, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

The **Northern Maine Festival** is held at the University of Maine at Orono, usually in early October in even-numbered years. Applications are mailed to schools with 5th and 6th grades in April and are due in May. This Festival is open to students from the following counties: Aroostook, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Somerset, Washington, Hancock, Knox, Northern Kennebec and Waldo.



"I think all the 'guiding principles' were incorporated throughout the day, as well as specific content standards in math, science and social studies." Teacher quote

