

**Rock River Sweep.org***(A river clean-up... and more)*

The Great Rock River Sweep of 2010

CURRENT VISIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Originally scheduled as a one-day river sweep event on July 31, 2010, the Great Rock River Sweep of 2010 has had its share of challenges including a computer meltdown just three weeks prior to the scheduled date. That in itself has been quite interesting, as communication was not only interrupted, but getting everything re-loaded and learning a new operating system has included additional challenges.

As it turned out, that was nothing compared to major flooding of the Rock River from one end to the other just one week before the scheduled event date. Some of the USGS gaging stations recorded record and/or near-record gage readings from this flooding.

Current Status Report

Completed:

- *Section #1 – Horicon, WI - July 31st
- *Section #1a – Waupun, WI - July 31st
- * Section #8 – Janesville, WI, City of - July 31st
- *Section #8a – Janesville, WI, North - July 31st
- * Section #8b – Happy Hollow Park, Rock County, WI - July 31st
- *Section #17 – Oregon, IL – August 21st

Re-scheduled for September 11, 2010:

- *Section #11 – Rockton, IL
- *Section #15b – Rockford, IL South
- *Section #18 – Grand Detour, IL
- *Section #20 – Sterling, IL

Cancelled:

- *Section #3 – Watertown, WI
- *Section #16 – Byron, IL

Pending Communication from Section Coordinators:

- *Section #2 – Hustisford, WI
- *Section #21 – Rock Falls, IL

Additional Clean-up Site:

*Although not officially registered with Rock River Sweep.org for this year, we are pleased to announce that Beloit, WI pitched in with a river clean-up in their community on July 31st.

Rock River Sweep Results Report

Some of our completed sections have submitted preliminary results from their clean-ups, and upon receipt of complete reports from all participating sections, we will publish a tally of results.

Youth Showcase



On Saturday June 19th four girls from Girl Scout Troop 3413 donated a couple of hours to help wrap books for the Rock River Sweep Organization. Lani Morris, Sydne Robinson, Morgan Arellano, and Abigail Busching along with Troop Leader Jennifer Robinson and adult helper Margarita Arellano wrapped and packaged 140 books in just under an hour! The girls packaged the books that will be given away as door prizes at the different clean-up sites along the Rock River this year. While wrapping the books the girls got to view a map of the river, and expressed their interests in water sports such as boating, canoeing, and swimming. After the wrapping was done the girls participated in a nature scavenger hunt and enjoyed lunch provided by Subway, SuperValu, and the Oregon Church of God, who also provided the location for the event. We are very grateful for the help from Troop 3413 and hope to see them amongst the volunteers on clean-up day.

Submitted by Kayla Raper, Volunteer Staff Member

Rock River Sweep.org thanks these Girls Scouts, and their leaders for preparing the books for shipment, as well as Oregon Subway, Oregon Super Valu, and the Oregon Church of God for their support by providing, food, drink, and a place to gather for this project.

Our Mission :

"Rock River Sweep.org is a grass roots, not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the health and ecosystem of the Rock River and its tributaries in Wisconsin and Illinois by partnering the communities along its banks into a unified, volunteer effort of river revitalization and annual clean-ups"

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