

CELEBRATE the WONDERS of WATER!

MAKE A SPLASH!

Create a WATER FESTIVAL
at your school in 2009

Pick a date in May or September

\$\$ GRANTS AVAILABLE \$\$

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A Journey into Water Education

WHAT IS A WATER FESTIVAL?

Water Festivals are a unique way to educate our future world leaders about the value of this natural resource, upon which all life depends. These Festivals are celebrations which involve learning stations designed to engage students in a wide array of water topics. Station topics typically include the hydrologic cycle, water conservation, animals that live in water, water purification, watershed awareness and management, water quality, wetlands, chemical and physical properties of water, and more. Students complete Station Activity Journals, to record what they learn at the stations. Water Festivals also bring schools and students together with their surrounding community, in joint celebration of the wonders and importance of water – a resource that unites all people. Water Festivals are a unique way for schools to partner with local water resource organizations and community groups, as well as local businesses, parents, and government officials. Water Festivals are, most importantly, celebrations in a festival atmosphere with music, games, contests, demonstrations, skits, murals, and other fun, creative, and hands-on activities.

For additional information about Water Festivals, see <http://www.projectwet.org/usa/mas>.

For grant guidelines, see <http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/docs/wetgrnt.pdf>. A free, after-school workshop for teachers interested in applying for these grants will be held in January, 2009.*

WHO CAN APPLY FOR WATER FESTIVAL GRANTS?

School teachers of 2nd through 8th grade students who have taken a Project WET Education Workshop at some time prior to grant submission are eligible to apply for grants that range from \$300 to \$1000. The deadline to apply for a grant to hold a Water Festival in May is February 20, 2009, while the deadline for festivals in September is May 15, 2009.

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