

Join us at the Fair- Friday May 7th 2010 at VINS at Quechee Gorge

The Drinking Water Week Committee includes representatives from:

- ◆ Green Mountain Water Environment Association
- ◆ Town of Hartford
- ◆ Town of Hinesburg
- ◆ Northeast Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) Solutions
- ◆ Vermont Department of Education
- ◆ Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation– Water Supply Division
- ◆ Vermont Department of Public Service
- ◆ Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- ◆ Vermont Rural Water Association
- ◆ US Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ Downs, Rachlin & Martin
- ◆ Sugarbush Resort
- ◆ ECS Consulting
- ◆ Weston & Sampson
- ◆ Private citizens

Don't see your name here?

All you have to do is volunteer!

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**2010 Drinking Water
Week Theme-
'Nurture Nature-
Clean Water for All'**

Operator Information



Why Celebrate Drinking Water?

Vermont Drinking Water Week and Fair has been celebrating and recognizing the efforts of public water systems that provide a safe, clean product to their customers for over 30 years. The importance of public health protection, water conservation, source protection and public outreach are key focus areas for DWW activities.

The 2010 Drinking Water Week Fair is scheduled for Friday, May 7th at VINS at Quechee Gorge. Activities include:

- ◆ Water Week Proclamation— read in the past by the Governor
- ◆ Educational displays
- ◆ Performances by the National Theatre for Children
- ◆ Awards presentation to the Poster and Photo contest winners
- ◆ Water-themed games on the Lawn
- ◆ 'The Water Cycle'
- ◆ Dowsing demonstrations
- ◆ Water tasting contest
- ◆ Morse Farm Maple Kettle Corn
- ◆ Goodie bag with water related educational material and a reusable water bottle!

Drinking Water Tasting Contest

Stay tuned for the announcement regarding how to enter the Drinking Water Tasting Contest. The 2008 contest was disappointing— we didn't even have enough entries to make it a contest. 2007 was the last year we had a competition, and competition was tough, with multiple entries in the three categories— NTNC, PCWS Surface Water and PCWS Groundwater. Your water will be sampled by a distinguished panel of judges.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to claim bragging rights as Vermont's Best Tasting Water. The winner will even get the opportunity to compete nationally among winners from other states. Who knows you may have the *Nation's* Best Tasting Water!

Did you know?

- ◆ As a drinking water professional, this year's theme is in support of YOU!
- ◆ You can refill an 8 oz. glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a 6 pack of soda, and water has no caffeine or sugar.
- ◆ The energy we waste producing bottled water would be enough to power 190,000 homes annually.
- ◆ Letting your faucet run for five minutes uses about as much energy as leaving a 60-watt light bulb on for 14 hours.
- ◆ American public water supply and treatment facilities consume about 56 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year— enough to power more than 5 million homes for an entire year.

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Would you like more information regarding...

- ◆ How to volunteer on the day of the Fair?
- ◆ Becoming a member of the Committee?
- ◆ More information for Public Education?
- ◆ How to **CONTRIBUTE TO THE FAIR?**

then contact the committee at—

vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com

Watch for more information about the Water Tasting contest!!

Check us out online at

<http://vtruralwater.org/industry/DrinkingWaterWeek/index.php>

Because it sustains the life we enjoy, the environment we love and the future we want.