

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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ ECS Consulting
- ◆ Weston & Sampson
- ◆ Sugarbush Resort
- ◆ Private citizens

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

Teacher Information



Why Celebrate Drinking Water?

The annual 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 almost 30 years. The importance of public health protection, water conservation, source protection and public outreach are key focus areas of 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
- ◆ Award presentations 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!

Poster and Photo Contest

A photo and poster contest is held for students in grades 4 through 6. Students are asked to use the Fair's theme and fact sheet to create a poster or take a photo that represents that theme. Savings bonds and recognition are given with a presentation by the Guest of Honor, at the Fair. The announcement regarding the contest should appear in the mail or email by February.

Did you know?

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Water supplies like Lake Champlain and underground aquifers which supply water throughout the state are greatly affected by people and their habits. Curbing our habits now such as littering, applying fertilizers and pesticides, and embracing measures like picking up after pets and installing high-efficiency plumbing fixtures will have a direct impact on future water supplies.
- ◆ The energy we waste using bottled water would be enough to power 190,000 homes.
- ◆ Letting your faucet run for five minutes uses about as much energy as leaving a 60-watt light bulb on for 14 hours.

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For more information about the Fair, including how to sign up contact the committee at

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For information regarding the National Theatre for Children contact-

Tom Clark at 802 233 0300 or tom.clark@adelphia.net

**Watch for more information
about the Poster and Photo
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.**