

39th Annual ROUGE RIVER CLEANUP



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Saturday
June 6th 2009
8am – 1pm
This is a half day event.

**PRESERVING OUR
PROGRESS....**

Thirty eight years of commitment from the community businesses and schools have protected this valuable natural resource.

- WHY?** The Rouge River, 126 miles of urban waterway, runs through 48 communities in Southeast Michigan, providing flood relief and rural serenity. Each year, new logjams impede the flow of water and accelerate erosion: when the river flows freely, it heals itself. This is an excellent opportunity for adults, teenagers, teachers, students, naturalists and contractors to work together to improve our environment.
- WHEN?** This year's clean up will be held on **Saturday, June 6th** from 8am until 1pm.
- WHERE?** Everyone will meet at **Beech Woods Arena** (Beech Road just south of Nine Mile), at 8am to register, and then will be transported to clean up sites along the river.

ROUGE RIVER CLEANUP

WHAT TO EXPECT...

Wear old jeans, a sweatshirt and lace-up leather boots...

plan to get wet and have fun!

Lunch will be provided for all participants.

For those who wish to go home clean and dry,
showers are available at Beech Woods.

IDEAS TO KEEP IN MIND...

- The property you will be working on may be private property. Please be careful, and respect it. Please use courtesy and good judgment. Do not destroy existing banks and vegetation.
- Travel to and from the flood plain areas and river is absolutely restricted to several key locations. Your supervisors know where these approved right-of-way points are located. Please do not leave your assigned location unless you are told to do so.
- Be organized and stay within your own group.
- Do not operate any equipment unless you are told to do so by a crew leader.
- Stay within 15-20 feet of the river.
- Be on the lookout for poison ivy and nettles.
- Although the water of the Rouge River in Southfield is safe for partial body contact, it is still polluted. Therefore, it is not advisable to rub your eyes or put your hands in your mouth after entering the river.
- Use common sense. Don't take chances. Think before you act.



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