

St. Charles Clean-up Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, 2003

People of all ages will have the unique chance this September to clean up the Missouri River and KATY trail in St. Charles, Mo., with nationally renowned river activist Chad Pegracke and his crew.

Chad's fleet of barges will be moored near the Lewis and Clark Boat House along the St. Charles waterfront. His crew from Living Lands and Waters, Inc., will team up with boats and drivers from the Missouri Department of Conservation to take volunteers 18 years old and older on the river to pick up trash and debris. Volunteers will be given work gloves and trash bags to collect trash and pile it next to the shore. Chad's industrial-strength crew will haul it to the "trash barge" for sorting and disposal.

While river crews are scouring the banks and islands of the Missouri River, people of all ages will be cleaning the KATY trail assisted by staff from the Department of Natural Resources. People will bag and pile trash along the trail where DNR trucks will pick it up and haul it to the barge for sorting and disposal.

The success of this event will be measured by the tons of debris removed from the river and trail.

Volunteers can come as individuals, families and groups. They should dress in work clothes and be ready to get dirty! Be sure to wear sturdy shoes. River Relief and the Stream Team program will provide work gloves, trash bags, drinking water and nutrition bars.

On Friday, before the clean-up there will be an educational event open to K-12 students. Thousands of area students are invited to participate. Students are welcomed to bring exhibits of their environmental projects and display them alongside agency and corporate professionals working to promote public awareness of Missouri River watershed issues. School groups wishing to simply come tour exhibits, enjoy enviro-entertainment and participate in discussion groups surrounding environmental issues are also welcomed.

To find out more about this remarkable opportunity and to sign up for the event, contact Missouri River Relief at www.riverrelief.org or call (573) 442-5699. If you are an educator interested in the Friday event, contact Steve Mellis at mellis2@earthlink.net or call 573-442-5084

SEE YOU THERE !

- **Dates and Times:**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m Friday, Sept. 19:
Riverside Educational Event for
K-12 students

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept.
20: Clean Up and Sort Trash for
recycling

- **Location of barges & tugs:**

Meet at the Lewis and Clark
Boat House parking lot on the
riverfront in St. Charles, Mo.

- **The Education Event on Friday**

Open to K-12 students. Exhibits
and speakers focusing on
Missouri River watershed issues.

- **The clean-up on Saturday:**

River crews will clean a 5-mile
reach of river from the Interstate
70 bridge to Bryan Island, while
ground crews clean the KATY
trail in the St. Charles area. Trash
will be sorted for recycling on
river barges operated by Living
Lands and Waters, Inc., the
nation's only industrial-strength
river clean-up organization.

