

OAK LODGE SANITARY DISTRICT River Rangers Program

PURPOSE: The purpose of the River Rangers program is to foster desired "clean water attitudes" in our children that will help protect our water resources for future generations. The presentations give students initiative to share the lessons learned with their families so behavioral changes in water protection and conservation can also occur on a broader level.

CONTENT: The "River Rangers" program was developed by the Unified Sewerage Agency of Washington County to introduce wastewater and storm water education to students and facilitate understanding and learning about water resources. The program educates students about our water supply--where it comes from, how it gets dirty, and how we clean it up. The program also teaches students to avoid polluting or wasting water. The program addresses the water cycle, watersheds, drainage systems, and the wastewater treatment process.

TIME: The 30-minute presentation is interactive. Students participate by holding visual materials and answering questions posed by the presenter.

MATERIALS: River Rangers workbooks, stickers, and badges are provided for each student. When students complete a follow up learning assignment with their parents (applying the stickers to items in their homes that could pollute our waterways) they receive a River Rangers badge.

AUDIENCE: The River Rangers program is intended for use with 4th grade students, but with slight variations can be useful for grades 3 to 6.

ACCOMODATIONS: A room large enough to seat up to 35 students. A black board or chartpak is helpful, but not absolutely necessary. A small table for presentation materials. We would be happy to host the presentation at our District administration office located at 14611 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR.

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