

## Volunteers needed for confluence cleanup

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

The Great Rivers Greenway District is encouraging area residents to join them on Oct. 29 and help support Missouri River Relief's effort to clear trash and debris from the shores of the Missouri River.

The Confluence Clean-up, which is the last scheduled event of Missouri River Relief's month-long, statewide effort to clear litter from the river, aims to clean up the area near the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Volunteers will be ferried by boat starting at 9 a.m. to different riverbanks and islands along the Missouri River to pick up trash that has washed ashore. Additional volunteers are encouraged to clean up trash along the trails and parking lots of this area.

Volunteers will meet at the Columbia Bottom Conservation Area Boat Ramp, 801 Strodtman Road in Spanish Lake. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., although volunteers are encouraged to register in advance by visiting [www.riverrelief.org](http://www.riverrelief.org). Participants will be provided with water, lunch, T-shirts, work gloves, trash bags and transportation by boat to the various clean-up sites. Missouri River Relief also will provide life jackets, but encourages anyone who brings a child to also bring along a proper-fitting life jacket to keep each child as safe as possible. Following lunch, additional volunteers will be needed to load trash onto the trash barge.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear work boots or tennis shoes (no flip flops), work clothes, bug spray, sunglasses, sunscreen and bring refillable water bottles. Trash collected will be hauled on a sand barge and unloaded at terminals on the Mississippi River for recycling or for disposal at landfills. For more information, visit [www.riverrelief.org](http://www.riverrelief.org) or call 573-443-0292.