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If you would like to be a River Sweep sponsor, contact:

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ORSANCO would like to thank the following organizations for their help and support of River Sweep:

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TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CALL

800-359-3977

The History of River Sweep

River Sweep, sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) and ORSANCO Educational Foundation, is an annual riverbank cleanup for the Ohio River and its tributaries. Throughout the years, this nationally recognized event has grown into one of the largest cleanup efforts of its kind; encompassing 3,000 miles of shoreline from Pittsburgh, PA to Cairo, IL. Improved water quality has increased recreational use of the Ohio River and its tributaries. This increase in recreation produces more litter on the river banks, making a yearly cleanup vital. River Sweep also increases public awareness of water quality and promotes stewardship of the Ohio River and its tributaries. In 2008, more than 21,000 people volunteered to collect trash and debris from the riverbanks. ORSANCO hopes River Sweep 2009 will be even more successful.

River Sweep 2009

On Saturday, June 20, 2009, thousands of volunteers will clean up our riverbanks. Volunteers will come from environmental organizations, civic groups, recreational clubs, scout troops, local businesses, and the general public. Each volunteer will receive a **FREE** River Sweep 2009 T-Shirt. Anyone who wants to make a difference in the quality of the Ohio River Valley can volunteer for River Sweep. It is an excellent opportunity for citizens to play an active role in improving the environment. The River Sweep 2009 T-Shirt design, shown to the right, was by Kelsie Loveridge, a junior at Bosse High School, Evansville, IN.



Safety Guidelines for River Sweep Volunteers

- Watch where you walk and avoid broken glass, rusty nails, and poison ivy.
- Never place yourself in a dangerous situation, such as trying to get trash that is floating in the river.
- The current can be very strong, so don't get in the water.
- Avoid high cliffs.
- Watch for traffic when working in pull-over areas along the side of the road.
- Wear old comfortable clothing and closed toed shoes.
- Wear gloves to protect your hands from sharp objects like glass and metal.
- Avoid areas that are overgrown with shrubs.
- Trash bags are provided.

How to Volunteer

There is at least one designated cleanup location for each county bordering the Ohio River, plus additional sites along the tributaries. These areas are selected based on the amount of litter and accessibility to volunteers. Marinas and boat ramps also make good cleanup locations.

TO FIND YOUR LOCAL CLEANUP SITE, CALL ORSANCO'S TOLL-FREE RIVER SWEEP HOTLINE: 1-800-359-3977

Volunteers must sign a waiver of liability, and anyone under 18 years old must have written parental permission to participate. An on-site supervisor will be available.