

## Water Education Resources for Teachers

### **Boulder/St. Vrain Watershed Water History Trunk**

**Call 303-413-7365 to reserve**

Correlated to Watershed activities 1.3 and 1.4, the Water History Trunk includes information on Colorado history and artifacts coupled with information cards. Students investigate and learn about various aspects of Colorado History and identify historical water artifacts.

### **Teaching the Poetry of Rivers: River of Words Poetry Contest**

<http://cfwe.org/row.asp>

An internationally renowned poetry contest conducted in affiliation with the Library of Congress, "River of Words" is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express what they discover through poetry and art. The Colorado Center for the Book, and the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities, coordinate the poetry contest for K-12 students in Colorado. For more information see the [River of Words website](http://cfwe.org/row.asp).

### **The Thirsty Lizard Project**

This educational program for middle school teachers includes materials to teach students about water use in America and about how to substitute good water management habits for bad. At the same time, the materials provide a review of graphing and math-in-science techniques geared to CSAP testing. Classroom package for 30 students includes student readers, conservation packets with a shower timer, shower flow gauge and toilet leak tabs, overhead transparencies, and a teacher's guide. FREE for City of Boulder schools.

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### **My Water Comes From the Mountains Book and Curriculum**

*My Water Comes from the Mountains* explores the ecosystems along Boulder Creek as snowmelt flows through the mountains, becomes the water supply for the City of Boulder, and moves into prairie habitats as the irrigation supply for farmers, plants, and animals. Class sets are available in each BVSD and SVVSD Elementary School. Related kits/curriculum sets are available at your school or the district administrative office. Please contact your district science coordinator.

### **Colorado River Watch**

<http://www.coloradowater.org/River%20Watch>

The River Watch Program is a statewide volunteer water quality-monitoring program co-sponsored by the Colorado Watershed Assembly and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The mission of the program is to work with voluntary stewards to monitor water quality and other indicators of watershed health, and utilize this high quality data to educate citizens and inform decision makers about the condition of Colorado's waters.

River Watch is comprised primarily of Middle and High School students, but also includes citizen groups, individuals, private schools, colleges, children's homes, youth programs and nature centers. Each volunteer group receives the training, support and supplies needed to monitor their respective rivers and provide consistent and accurate data. Data collected is used by federal, state and local agencies to make decisions about river/water management.