

2024

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FOUNDATION for OHIO RIVER EDUCATION

Dear Generous Supporter,

Greetings from the Foundation for Ohio River Education! We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution and share all the accomplishments we achieved this year. In 2024, your generosity allowed us to teach people of all ages across the Ohio River Basin about the vital uses of the Ohio River and the importance of thriving ecosystems and water quality. We guided students beyond classroom walls into the great outdoors, fostering a spirit of environmental stewardship and elevating the perception of the Ohio River system and its many treasures!

In total, we impacted 13,685 individuals through 64 programs in 5 states, including 21 River REACH floating classroom programs for 10 schools. Most of the schools we served this year rank higher than 50% on the free and reduced lunch scale and would not have had the opportunity to participate in our unique river science programs without your continued support. Your contributions also allowed us to upgrade our education materials and to create new programs with our partners, including a Summer Conservation Course and the region's largest Green Career Fair! The Life Below the Water Line mobile aquarium had another successful return, featuring four displays that captivated approximately 20,340 participants. Notable catches for the display this year included Northern Pike, River Red Horse, and plenty of Longnose Gar!

With support from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund, EQT, Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation, and the Duke Energy Foundation, we were able to extend financial assistance and bussing transportation for schools in need throughout the basin, as well as revitalize our River Watchers program, adding more schools throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. After participating in our new and improved program, students from Carmichaels Area High School placed 4th in Water Quality in the Pennsylvania Envirothon Competition, resulting in each student participant earning a \$200 scholarship!

Thanks to longtime major sponsors like the Ohio EPA Litter Grant and new corporate sponsors like Current Hydro and Milacron, our Ohio River Sweep held 125 litter clean-up events along 259 miles of the Ohio River and its tributaries. 4,267 volunteers participated in these events, collecting over 90 tons of trash (recycling 2.5 tons) and 996 tires.





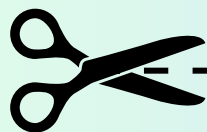
As we look forward to 2025, we are excited to bring new programs to even more schools and communities. We are committed to continuously improving our educational offerings to meet the needs of our participants and the challenges facing the waters of the Ohio River Basin. With your contribution, we can support the future of our communities and the preservation of the natural wonders that make the Ohio River Basin unique. Together, we can inspire the next generation of environmental leaders, ensuring that the river and its ecosystems remain vibrant and healthy for years to come. Thank you once again for your generosity in 2024 and we look forward to your support in the coming year.

What do you say, let's team up and be river champions who empower students to explore, learn, and thrive in the fascinating realm of aquatic science and water quality! Donations can be made online or by check, using the enclosed information card and envelope. Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to reach out to us at 513-231-7719. We are honored to have you as part of our FORE family, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact we will create together in the coming year!

With our utmost heartfelt regards,

Annette Shumard and the FORE Team

Thank  
you



## Donation Contribution Form

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### Payment Method

☐ Check attached ☐ Online via FORE's website

☐ Other (Please explain any payment needs like ACH or Direct Transfer)

**I commit to contributing \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

with the following payment plan:

One-time contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Annually
- ☐ Other

### Examples of impact:

- \$25 will assist FORE staff in attending public education events
- \$50 will sponsor a student's attendance to our Summer Conservation Course
- \$100 will support an Ohio River Sweep litter cleanup event
- \$250 will replenish supplies for a school's River Watchers test kit
- \$500 will sponsor a River REACH floating classroom for a whole class
- \$1,500 will sponsor a River REACH floating classroom plus lunch for a whole class

**\*\*After receiving your donation, we will email you a receipt. Please make checks payable to FORE. Thank you for your support!**



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