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Please join us at the
30th Annual Sioux Empire Water Festival

The 30th Annual Sioux Empire Water Festival will be back to a LIVE event held **March 7 and 8, 2023** on the campus of the University of Sioux Falls. This exciting educational event is geared toward 4th grade students and their teachers. The festival features presentations, exhibits, and a virtual Quiz Bowl all with **water** as the main theme. Students engage in hands-on activities on topics such as wetland habitats, wildlife, groundwater, health, safety, and aquatic life. The best thing of all, the festival is *free*; there is absolutely *NO CHARGE* to send your students to the event! If transportation costs are prohibiting your school from attending, please contact us for potential transportation assistance.

The presenter recordings used in the past two years will also be made available to you from March 7 through May 31, 2023. You will be able to access the recordings whenever it's convenient for you during that time frame.

The Quiz Bowl will continue to be virtual for the registered classes that would like to participate. After studying the Waterwise booklet that will be provided to you, each class answers questions in an online quiz. You won't know which other schools are participating and there won't be individual teams as in the past. This is purely a class by class competition. Winning classes will be those with the most correct answers in the shortest amount of time. Gift certificates will be awarded to the top three winning classes.

Schools from Minnehaha, McCook, Turner, Lincoln, Clay, and Union counties are welcome to attend. Please register online by **December 16, 2022** by going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SchoolRegistration2023>. If you do not submit the registration form by December 16, 2022, we will assume that your class will not be attending the festival this year.

We will email a registration confirmation to your school upon receipt of your registration. If you do not receive official notice by December 31, 2022, and you plan to attend the festival, please email me at sewaterfest@gmail.com.

As always, feel free to email me if you have any questions whatsoever and I'll do my best to answer them.

Please share this letter with any new 4th grade teachers in your school.

We look forward to your school's participation at the 2023 Sioux Empire Water Festival. Please plan to attend!

Sincerely,

Melanie Raine
SEWF School Arrangements and Scheduling Coordinator