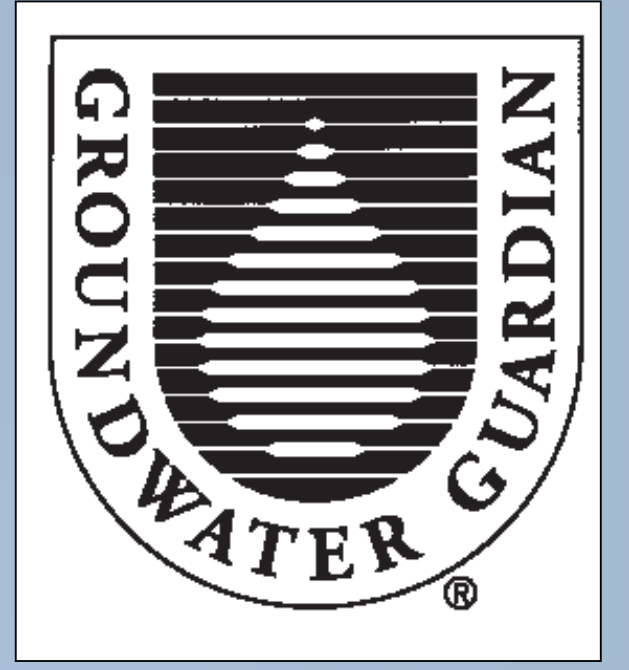




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BOISE WATERSHED ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

*Where technology meets education
— and your journey to environmental stewardship begins!*

The Boise WaterShed Environmental Education Center was created through a public/private partnership to address:

increasing threats to the water quality and quantity of our high desert environment potential for negative public health and economic impacts in our region

Boise City and community leaders took a comprehensive approach to public education, and designed the Center and its programs to build environmental stewardship to save our water for future generations.

High-tech, hands-on exhibits focus on children, but all ages benefit.

On and off-site programs serve the increasing demands for environmental education.

Visitors leave with the tools to change harmful environmental behaviors.

Public art throughout the Center teach environmental messages as well.

The Boise WaterShed facility itself was designed and constructed using green building practices and serves as a teaching tool about sustainability.



Facility Cost - \$2 Million, paid for by the Boise Public Works Department through sewer revenues.

Exhibits – More than \$1 Million raised by Boise WaterShed Exhibits, Inc., a non-profit organization created to fund raise and obtain hands-on, high-tech water related exhibits.

Nearly 10,000 visitors from July 2010 – June 2011

Over 7,000 students received off-site education.

U.S. Green Building Council (LEED) Gold-level LEED Certification. The Boise WaterShed has met performance benchmarks in energy efficiency, water savings, site development, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality. Key features include using natural light, reusing building materials, and using low volatile organic compound (VOC) carpets and paints.

Phase II of the Boise WaterShed Environmental Education Center will create an outdoor classroom which will have a 1.2-acre pedestrian Water Feature and interpretive Grounds. These exterior exhibits are critical introductions to our watershed and how each person's actions relate to the environment.

The exterior exhibits are designed to excite the natural curiosity of children as they walk as giants across a miniature urban grid, through a representation of agricultural lands, to a point where treated wastewater is returned to the Boise River.

Water Awareness Week



Water Awareness Week is a statewide, water education program provided by the Idaho Water Education Foundation.

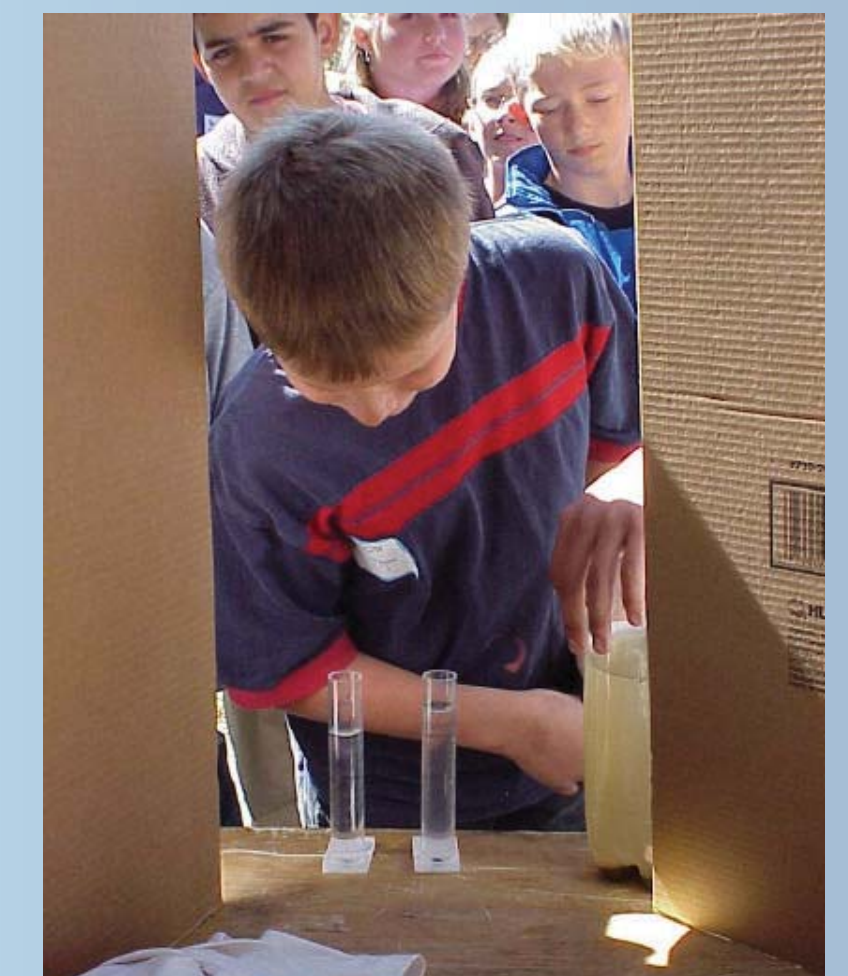
Water Awareness Week started in Boise, Idaho in 1994.

Boise City was a founding partner and has been a sponsor of Water Awareness Week since 1994.

The water education program serves more than 10,000 4th – 6th grade students and teachers across Idaho.

Each year, students receive an educational packet with water related educational materials that have been correlated to the Idaho State Curriculum Standards.

Students and teachers participate in field trips, service learning projects, hands-on activities, water festivals, and class room presentations.



Annual Budget: about \$15,000 for all program materials and outreach activities.

Sponsorships range from \$50 - \$1,000.

Sponsors are local governments, state and federal agencies, businesses, and industries in Idaho.

Sponsors include: Boise City and Chubbuck, Idaho; the U.S. Geologic Survey, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, United Water Idaho, the Idaho National Laboratory, Water Districts 1 and 36, Idaho Departments of Environmental Quality and Water Resources, North Side Canal Company, and the Idaho Water User's Association.

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