



# MISSISSIPPI MESSAGES

At the beginning of each month, we send you our list of upcoming events and opportunities. You can also check our [events calendar](#) any time. Thanks for stewarding and supporting the river and all it sustains!

## Upcoming events



### Celebrate Earth Day at the annual river gorge cleanup

**Saturday, April 20 from 9:30 a.m.-noon**

**Mississippi River Gorge, South Minneapolis**

Join us for our Earth Day tradition. All are welcome! This family-friendly event is a great opportunity to get outside and work together for the river.

[Learn more.](#)



### Pledge to Pull invasive plants at St. Paul Park's Riverside Park

**Thursday, May 23 from 6-8 p.m.**

**Riverside Park, St. Paul Park**

Support plant diversity in this woodland along the backwaters of the Mississippi River. Help us pull garlic mustard and narrowleaf bittercress at and after this kickoff.

[Register now.](#)



### Pull invasive plants at William H. Houlton Conservation Area

**Saturday, June 1 from 9-11 a.m.**

**William H. Houlton Conservation Area, Elk River**

Join us at the confluence of the Mississippi and Elk rivers to foster habitat by pulling dame's rocket and garlic mustard.

[Register now.](#)



## Pull garlic mustard at Camel's Hump

Thursday, June 6 from 6-8 p.m.

**Camel's Hump Park and Open Space, Cottage Grove**

Enjoy expansive bluff-top views of the Mississippi River valley as you contribute to this habitat restoration project.

[Register now.](#)



## Plant trees and shrubs in Applewood Preserve woodland

Saturday, June 8 from 9-11 a.m.

**Applewood Preserve, Maplewood**

Support the first steps of restoration at this old pasture and orchard-turned neighborhood preserve.

[Register now.](#)



## LGBTQIA2S+ Pride demonstration box tending on Nicollet Island

Tuesday, June 25 from 6-8 p.m.

**Nicollet Island, Minneapolis**

Join us for a special evening during Pride Month to come together and revitalize the planting demonstration boxes in the Nicollet Island prairie.

[Register now.](#)

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## More opportunities

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## Help protect Minnesota's Clean Water Fund

We have only one environmental fund in Minnesota solely dedicated to reducing pollution and protecting clean water. Tell your legislators to stick to the recommendations put forward by the Clean Water Council.

[Take action today.](#)



## Apply to be an ESI mentor for the summer

FMR's Environmental Stewardship Institute (ESI) summer program is an eight-week paid opportunity for high school-aged youth curious about environmental career paths. We're looking for professionals with arts or STEM backgrounds to mentor our fellows.

[Apply by May 3.](#)



## Stencil storm drains in June, July or August

Protect our river by stenciling storm drains with water quality reminders. You can [check out a DIY kit](#) to mark St. Paul storm drains on your own time with friends or family OR [sign up for a group outing](#) with FMR staff.

[Learn more and sign up.](#)



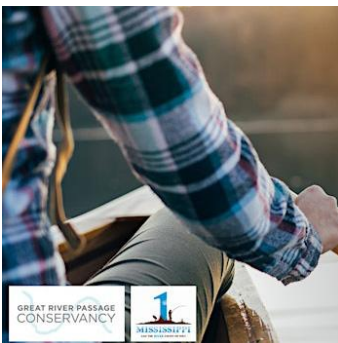
## Partner event: MWMO's Art and Science on the River: Carp Workshop

**Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Mississippi Watershed Management Organization**

Learn about invasive carp from FMR's Colleen O'Connor Toberman then make carp art with Kimberly Boustead.

[Sign up through MWMO.](#)



## Partner event: Soloing the Mississippi

**Thursday, April 25 from 5-7 p.m.**

**Bad Weather Brewing, St. Paul + online**

Explore the epic journey of paddling the entire Mississippi River with panelists Eddy Harris, Michael Anderson and Devin Brown. This event is hosted by 1 Mississippi and Great River Passage Conservancy.

[Register for the in-person event](#) or [the livestream.](#)

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[Our work takes place on Dakota homelands.](#)

Haha Wakpa, Misi-zibi, Mississippi — the river we steward in Minnesota has long been stewarded and continues to be stewarded by Dakota, Ojibwe and other Indigenous people.



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