River Quest: passport to learning

Boatloads of sixth-grade students, carrying River Quest “passports” to document their adventures, boarded the Vista Star during four days in May for exciting journeys through the Port of Duluth-Superior, a vital part of the St. Louis River watershed. With organizers of the event adding a half day to accommodate growing demand, the 18th annual River Quest education program drew a record number of participants this year (1,067 to be exact).

River Quest provides hands-on learning activities that raise awareness of the St. Louis River ecosystem and interrelated commercial, industrial and recreational activities. Students visit 11 learning stations staffed by volunteers who cover topics ranging from pollution prevention and stopping aquatic invaders to boating safety and commercial shipping.

For more information: duluthport.com. Educators are encouraged to check out materials posted at seagrant.umn.edu/riverquest.

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