



SHAVANO CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Dear Festival Presenter,

The Annual 4th Grade Natural Resource Festival is celebrating 32 years! Thank you so much for being a part of keeping conservation education alive in our community!

The 2024 Festival will take place at Baldrige/Riverbottom Park in Montrose on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 8:45 am to 2:05 pm (If we have bad weather on the 14th, then we will reschedule for Thursday, May 16th.) Fourth Grade classes, public and private, from Montrose, Olathe, Ridgway, and Ouray have been invited to participate in this exciting and memorable event.

Teachers at last year's event requested shorter station times so that students can experience more of the activities at the Festival. Therefore, each station will give 13 presentations, each 20 minutes in length, with a 1 minute passing period between presentations for rotation between stations. Please make sure you have enough materials and activities to keep the students busy for the entire period. Not all classes will visit every station. There will be a 30 minute lunch break and Shavano Conservation District provides lunch for station presenters. School group sizes will average 15 students, although there may be a few groups with 20 students.

I will need to hear from you by April 26 if you will be able to host a station or volunteer for the Festival, so that I can determine the number of stations, develop a rotation schedule, and design the Festival Station Guide for teachers.

Please take a minute to complete the Presenter Registration Form at:

<https://forms.office.com/g/NuddMstDpQ> . A pdf of the registration form can be downloaded and printed from the Shavano CD website at: <https://www.shavanocd.org/programs.html> if you prefer to complete the form that way and submit it by email or mail.

The activity that you select for the students must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The lesson must be related to a natural resource and conservation in some way or another.
- (2) The content must be appropriate for the fourth grade level. If you are unsure, let me know and I will send you information on 4th grade curriculum.
- (3) The presentation must be hands-on and engaging! The students must be able to get involved physically while being challenged mentally.

If you are not able to participate in the Festival this year please contact me as soon as possible so I can fill your station with another activity.

On behalf of the Shavano Conservation District, I look forward to your attendance in another educational, entertaining, and successful event. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please call or email me.

Thank you!

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