



# ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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**MEDIA ALERT**

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## **NATION'S LARGEST CHILDREN'S WATER EDUCATION FESTIVAL IN ORANGE COUNTY, MARCH 24-25**

**WHO:** **More than 6,000 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, teachers and parents** are scheduled to learn about water resources, the environment and recycling at a two-day event hosted by the **Orange County Water District (OCWD) Groundwater Guardian Team, Disneyland Resort, the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)** and the **National Water Research Institute**.

The Children's Water Education Festival teaches children to be aware of their environment through hands-on learning activities. Approximately 91 schools representing 21 cities throughout Orange County will attend the event. Volunteers from more than 50 public and private organizations provide the interactive presentations. The Festival, in its 14th year of educating Orange County's students, is a fun, environmental-education field trip designed to teach elementary school children about the interdependence of water, soil, plants, trees, animals and humans. The goal of the Festival is to provide youth with the tools they need to protect and improve our environment each and every day. Some may even be inspired to become scientists, engineers and hydrogeologists!

**WHAT:** **14th Annual Children's Water Education Festival**

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**Thursday, March 25, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**WHERE:** **Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation**  
18001 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:** Thousands of children are greeted by Disney characters as they begin their journey to build mini aquifers, see planet Earth while sitting in the middle of it, learn about plastics in the ocean and acidification, examine water and microbes under glass, and sample the life of their counterparts in developing nations who don't have access to running water, let alone clean water.

The Festival is the largest, interactive field trip of its kind. The busiest time is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**HIGHLIGHT:** **Joel Bourne, National Geographic Magazine Contributing Writer and Former Senior Editor for the Environment, is teaching the kids "Think Global, Act Local."** Bourne authored California's "Pipe Dream" (<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2010/04/plumbing-california/bourne-text>), a feature about California's water crisis and infrastructure in the April 2010 issue of National Geographic. The issue is entirely devoted to fresh water around the world. Bourne's presentation includes dramatic photos synonymous with the magazine, and interviews with the photographers who took them.