

MVP Partners with Wilderness Inquiry, REI, and others for GO Day

The St. Paul District partnered with REI, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, Wilderness Inquiry and the MNDNR for a National Get Outdoors Day event on June 11, 2011. The event took place at Powderhorn Park in Minneapolis, MN. The day was a great success, with an estimated 700-1000 people attending. Corps Rangers had two new water safety electrical boats and provided the opportunity for kids to operate the boats from 10 am to 4 pm, learning about water and boat safety in the process. Bobber the Water Safety Dog made appearances throughout the day handing out Frisbees and taking pictures with the public. The Corps provided water safety handouts, brochures, instructed on the proper way to wear a PFD and discussed the many recreational opportunities that the Corps has to offer. We have been invited to participate in the event again next year.



MVP staff have also been working with Wilderness Inquiry regarding their Urban Canoe Adventures along the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, MN. WI plans to provide canoeing opportunities to more 10,000 kids this summer, many of these rides will include a trip through a Corps lock and dam. The Corps plans to have rangers ride along periodically and provide water safety programming for the participants. Unfortunately we will not be able to participate on a regular basis due to a lack of staffing, but plan to provide materials to schools and instruct Wilderness Inquiry guides on our water safety programming.

Take a Day OFF* at Powderhorn Park



*Outdoor Family Fun

There's lots of fun things to do outdoors, and Minneapolis is a great place to do them. Plus, you don't need to be an expert to get started, because on Saturday, June 11,

the **Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board** is teaming up with

the **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources** to host a **day of Outdoor Family Fun**. Get hands-on instructions

in a variety of activities:

- ◆ Test your aim at the laser shooting range and learn about firearms safety.
- ◆ Paddle a voyageurs canoe on Powderhorn Lake.
- ◆ See live fish and learn how to catch them from shore
- ◆ Experience a high-tech treasure hunt (geocaching)
- ◆ Learn to set up a tent, start a fire and camp
- ◆ Go on a photo safari

...and more!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011

(National Get Outdoors Day)

11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

POWDERHORN PARK

FREE NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED



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