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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: August 1, 2018
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinators' Report for August 2018 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Education

We partnered with Let's Go Fishing Eden Prairie Chapter to once again present a Fishing class at Bryant Lake. They brought the pontoon boat (using proper AIS prevention techniques) and about 20 people attended the program. We also partnered with Wood Lake Nature Center and Master Water Steward/Master Naturalist John Arthur to present a Dragonfly program on August 4th. The last of the Summer Education Series will take place at Hopkins' Valley Park making tiny boats with artist Brenda Bell Brown.

Outreach

Nick had a table at the Hopkins Farmer's Market on July 28th. Though not as many people stopped by, he had good conversations with people about aquatic invasive species and upcoming programs. We will also be at the Bloomington Heritage Days festival on September 15th, as well as at Richardson Nature Center's Party in the Prairie on September 22nd.

Miscellaneous

- Gael attended two grad school classes the weeks of July 9-13 and 16-20; she will give a progress report after finishing the final class this winter.
- We received the rest of the Zebra Mussel models that were created as part of a grant from Hennepin County in partnership with the City of Edina. These will be used in AIS education, and will be given to key partners for their education efforts as well.
- Two Master Water Stewards Info Sessions took place in our watershed area.

Meetings

- Staff met with the City of Edina to discuss possible BMPs at Firestation One.
- Gael went out fyke netting and electrofishing with RPBCWD staff on Normandale Lake.

Upcoming Events

Aug 18	Art in Nature-Tiny Boatmaking: Valley Park, Hopkins, 2-4
Sep 12	Smart Salting Parking Lots and Sidewalks: NMC, 9-2
Sept 15	Bloomington Heritage Days: Nativity of Mary Church, 12-6
Sep 21	Photo Contest Deadline
Sep 22	Party in the Prairie: Richardson Nature Center, 3-8
Sep 26	Children's Water Festival: State Fairgrounds, 9-2
Sep 28	Smart Salting Roads: Glen Lake Activity Center, 9-2