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ODYSSEY SCHOOL CLEANS UP ON SAND CREEK REGIONAL GREENWAY
CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ATTACK GRAFFITI AND TRASH

DENVER – OCTOBER 13, 2003 – The Sand Creek Regional Greenway has new friends, the seventh and eighth grade students at the Odyssey School. On October 13th 50 students will be donning heavy gloves and picking up paint rollers and trash bags to clean up under two bridges that are an eyesore along this otherwise natural urban wilderness area. (see attached pictures)

The Odyssey School has a mission of community service. Having just opened in their new building in Stapleton, providing tangible service in their own neighborhood is a priority for all the students at the school and a cornerstone to their education.

“The mission of the Odyssey school,” says Nelson Chase, school director,” is to foster every student’s unique potential and spirit of adventure through exemplary standards of character, intellectual achievement, and social responsibility. Service to our community is an open part of our curriculum. All of our student will be working on October 13 in our Stapleton neighborhood. Our 3rd and 4th graders will be working at the Bluff Lake Nature Center and Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th graders will be working at The Urban Farm”.

The students will be painting over extensive graffiti on the bridges where the Sand Creek Greenway trail passes under I-70 and under Quebec Street. They will also be picking up trash in the area and pulling weeds that have encroached on the trail.

This service effort is particularly valuable now, when Denver is facing significant budget cuts in all departments and the likelihood that city cleanup crews will not have the manpower to support maintaining these areas in the near future.

The project is being supported with supervision and materials from Keep Denver Beautiful, whose mission is to enhance the visual appearance of Denver by addressing problems of graffiti and litter through volunteer projects and educational programs.

“This is going to be a long day of hard work by these students,” stated Kate Kramer, executive director of Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership. “We’re tremendously grateful to the school and especially to these young people who are so committed to their community”.

Before going out for their workday, the students will learn about the Greenway and the importance of maintaining the natural habitat and about the effects on the community of graffiti and littering.

Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership is a non-profit organization responsible for managing the development, operation and use of the 14-mile public greenway along Sand Creek. The Greenway links the Highline Canal Bikeway to the Platte River Greenway, completing a 50-mile loop of off-street urban trails in the northeast metro area, and when Phase II development is completed will include three major wilderness parks. Sand Creek Regional Greenway is a cooperative project of the cities of Aurora, Denver and Commerce City and non-profits Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership and Stapleton Development Corporation.

Keep Denver Beautiful focuses on supporting residents and businesses in maintaining an attractive safe urban environment. As a program of Solid Waste Management, they emphasize the elimination of trash, litter, junk and graffiti from our city's neighborhoods and public right-of-ways.

For more information on Sand Creek Regional Greenway visit www.sandcreekgreenway.org or call 303-393-7700.

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