



**Orange County Water District**  
**Children's Water Education Festival**  
**2017 Press Kit**  
**March 29-30, 2017**

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## MEDIA ALERT

### 7,500 ORANGE COUNTY STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

- WHAT:** The nation's largest water education festival will celebrate its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of educating students about water and the environment. The Children's Water Education Festival is a free field trip for Orange County's third, fourth and fifth grade students. Hosted by the Orange County Water District (OCWD), Disneyland Resort, the National Water Research Institute, and the OCWD Groundwater Guardian Team, it is a two-day event that has educated more than 115,000 students since its inception.
- WHY:** The Festival is hosted to educate students about local water issues and helps them understand how they can protect water supplies and the environment. These topics are vitally important as most of California ends its fifth year of drought and natural resources are depleting. It is essential to invest in educating the next generation of leaders to solve these environmental challenges.
- WHO:** It takes a village to organize and implement this award-winning event. The 7,500 students, accompanied by 700 teachers and chaperones, represent 90 schools from 23 cities throughout Orange County. Local sponsors such as, Wells Fargo and Rubio's, play a huge part in the event's success and this year more than 50 companies helped make the Festival possible. Throughout the two-day event, more than 500 dedicated volunteers help make it come to life, along with nearly 60 public and private organizations that provide interactive educational presentations to the students. These organizations include the **Disneyland Resort; University of California, Riverside; University of California, Irvine; United States Environmental Protection Agency; Columbia Memorial Space Center; University of California, Los Angeles; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Santa Ana Zoo; U.S. Geological Survey; Wyland; Orange County Water District; Orange County cities and water agencies;** and many more! The Festival is also pleased to have **National Geographic Explorer, Andres Ruzo** participate for the very first time.
- WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**  
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., **Thursday, March 30, 2017**  
***\*Photo Ops:** From 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (weather permitting) thousands of children will arrive and be greeted by Disney characters. The best time to take photos of students learning through hands-on activities is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*
- HOW:** The Festival is a highly structured event. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., and every 30 minutes thereafter, classes rotate to a different activity, which is taught by a representative from the 60 participating public and private organizations. Each class engages in approximately six activities throughout the day. Activities are taught to California Science Standards and topics range from engineering, to animals, to recycling, to ocean acidification to pollution prevention, and many more.
- WHERE:** The Festival will take place, rain or shine, at the University of California, Irvine, inside Aldrich Park. This is the fifth year the event will be held at UCI and the first time many of these elementary students will visit a university campus.

For more information, please visit [www.childrenwaterfestival.com](http://www.childrenwaterfestival.com).

## **SPONSORS**

### **Presenting**

Disneyland Resort  
National Water Research Institute  
Orange County Water District (OCWD)  
OCWD Groundwater Guardian Team

### **Title**

Recycle Used Oil

### **Signature**

Orange County Public Works  
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Anaheim Public Utilities  
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City of Santa Ana  
El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water District





1. **Disney's Once Upon A...PLANET**  
Disneyland Resort
2. **The Orange County Groundwater Basin**  
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3. **pHun with Water**  
Orange County Water District
4. **Groundwater Replenishment System**  
Orange County Water District
5. **How Do We Recharge Our Groundwater Basin?**  
Orange County Water District
6. **Seawater Intrusion Barrier**  
Orange County Water District
7. **Groundwater Replenishment System**  
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8. **The Rollercoaster Challenge**  
Disneyland Resort Youth Education Series (YES)
9. **Watershed Wildlife**  
Orange County Water District
10. **Landscape Water Conservation**  
Disneyland Resort Horticulture and Resort Enhancement
11. **Disney's The Pirates of the pH...A Watery Adventure**  
Disneyland Resort Environmental Affairs
12. **Radiator Springs Rally**  
Disneyland Resort Environmental Affairs
13. **Filtration Station - Keep It Clean**  
Avista Technologies, Inc.
14. **Corals and Chemistry**  
University of California, Irvine
15. **You Are the Solution to Water Pollution**  
Municipal Water District of Orange County
16. **Water Distribution System**  
City of Garden Grove - Water Services Division
17. **World of Water**  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
18. **Where Do I Flow?**  
Inside the Outdoors
19. **Get the Groundwater Picture**  
Irvine Ranch Water District
20. **City Design Challenge**  
ReNUWit / the Urban Water ERC
21. **Anaheim Fire & Rescue Oil Busters!**  
Anaheim Fire and Rescue
22. **Used Oil Wheel of Fortune**  
Orange County Used Oil Recycling Program
23. **Aquariums and the Engineered Water Cycle**  
Brown and Caldwell
24. **Magic or Science? (3/29)**  
The Environmental Nature Center
24. **Planting the Future: Sowing the Seeds for Water Conservation (3/30)**  
The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo

25. **Green Earth Magic Show**  
Green Earth Magic Show (GEMS Inc.)
26. **Windows to Our Wetlands**  
Bolsa Chica Conservancy
27. **Drains to Ocean**  
City of Newport Beach
28. **How Big is Your Plastic Footprint?**  
Algalita Marine Research Institute
29. **Climate Change and the Water Cycle**  
UCLA Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
30. **Keep our Waters Clean**  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
31. **Litter Bug Relay**  
California Department of Transportation
32. **What is Groundwater and How Does it Move?**  
The Water Replenishment District of Southern California
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Stantec
33. **The Water Effect (3/30)**  
The Ecology Center
34. **Sing and Dance to Queen Green's Eco-Rhymes**  
Andiamo Entertainment
35. **What 2 Flush Relay Race**  
Orange County Sanitation District
36. **Dirty Water Filtration**  
H<sub>2</sub>O to Haiti
37. **Ms. Smarty-Plants™ Grows Earth Heroes**  
Water Conservation Garden
38. **Discover the Coast - Look Who's Rockin'**  
Bureau of Land Management
39. **Marsh Munchers**  
Newport Sea Base & Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center

40. **Space Exploration (3/30)**  
Columbia Memorial Space Center
41. **Ocean Quest**  
Discovery Cube
42. **Amazing Water Planet Magic Show**  
Paul Cash Eco / Magic Show
43. **Rainforest Exploration with the Monkey Zoo**  
Santa Ana Zoo @ Prentice Park
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City of Santa Ana
45. **Mobile Education Unit**  
Southern California Edison
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U.S. Geological Survey
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ReadyOC
49. **Advanced Oxidation Processes**  
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Orange County Water District

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County of Orange / OC Environmental Resources
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Anaheim Public Utilities
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Orange County Public Works/OC Stormwater
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Beacon Park School  
Benito Juarez Elementary  
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Cambridge Preparatory Academy  
Christ Cathedral Academy  
Christ Lutheran School - Brea  
College Park Elementary  
Danbrook Elementary  
Dr. Jonas Salk School  
El Sol Academy  
Greentree Elementary School  
Handy Elementary  
Homeschooled Group  
Imperial Elementary School  
Jim Thorpe Fundamental Elementary School  
Joseph R. Perry Elementary School  
Lampson Elementary School  
Los Coyotes Elementary  
Mabel L. Pendleton School  
Meadow Park Elementary  
Meadow Park Elementary School  
Minaret Academy  
Morningside Elementary School  
Murdy Elementary  
Newport Heights Elementary  
Olive Street Elementary School  
Orange Crescent School  
Page Private School  
Paul Revere Elementary  
Raymond Temple Elementary  
Robert Gisler Elementary  
Rosita Elementary School  
Saint Anne Parish School  
San Juan Elementary School  
San Marino Elementary  
Santa Ana Student Center - OC Quest Academy  
Sky Mountain Home School  
St. Angela Merici School  
St. Barbara  
St. Francis of Assisi  
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St. John the Baptist School  
St. Juliana Catholic School  
St. Pius V School  
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Turtle Rock Elementary School  
Warren Elementary School  
Zion Lutheran School



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Brywood Elementary  
California Elementary School  
Carden Conservatory  
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Crosby Elementary School  
Davis Magnet School  
Edison Elementary School  
El Morro Elementary School  
Fairmont Elementary School  
Hephatha Lutheran  
Hydro Warriors  
International school of Los Angeles  
James Madison Elementary School  
Jefferson Elementary School  
La Veta Elementary  
Lawrence Elementary School  
Madison Elementary School  
Mariners Christian School  
McPherson Magnet Elementary School  
Mitchell Elementary School  
Newport Elementary School  
Nohl Canyon Elementary  
Palmyra Elementary  
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Pomona Elementary School  
Ralph A. Gates Elementary School  
Riverdale Elementary  
Roosevelt Elementary  
Serrano Elementary  
Springbrook Elementary School  
St. Barbara School  
St. Cecilia School  
St. Irenaeus Parish School  
Stonegate Elementary School  
Sycamore Elementary School  
Taft School  
Thomas Jefferson Elementary  
Top of the World Elementary School  
Travis Ranch Elementary School  
Villa Park Elementary  
West Orange Elementary School  
Wilson Elementary





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Greentree Elementary School	Irvine
Meadow Park Elementary School	Irvine
Turtle Rock Elementary School	Irvine
Los Coyotes Elementary	La Palma
El Morro Elementary School	Laguna Beach
Top of the World Elementary School	Laguna Beach
Homeschooled Group	Laguna Niguel
Ralph A. Gates Elementary School	Lake Forest
Newport Elementary School	Newport Beach
Newport Heights Elementary	Newport Beach
California Elementary School	Orange
International school of Los Angeles	Orange
La Veta Elementary	Orange
McPherson Magnet Elementary School	Orange
Palmyra Elementary School	Orange
Sycamore Elementary School	Orange
West Orange Elementary School	Orange
Handy Elementary	Orange
San Juan Elementary School	San Juan Capistrano
Stoneybrooke Christian School	San Juan Capistrano
Fairhaven Elementary	Santa Ana
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Travis Ranch Elementary School	Yorba Linda
St. Francis of Assisi School	Yorba Linda