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Education Program Reaches 10,000 Student Milestone

(Cincinnati) October 13 – Ohio River Foundation’s River Explorer education program has now reached more than 10,000 students in only 7 years since being launched in 2005. Students and teachers from more than 45 schools in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky continue to reap the benefits from this extraordinary program.

Now, more than 2,500 students every year participate in the hands-on activities using microscopes, seine nets, and field-grade equipment to learn about river ecology and the environment. Kirsten Hall, Nagel Middle School teacher, commented about a recent trip: “Once again, your Foundation put on a fabulous trip. Even the teachers were talking about what they learned.”

Rich Cogen, Ohio River Foundation Executive Director, said, “We’re seeing an increase in school interest in our program despite budgetary concerns. There are 3 reasons for this: First, this is a testament to the unique quality of River Explorer. Secondly, teachers are witnessing improved scholastic performance in the classroom after their students participate in River Explorer. And thirdly, we have an excellent staff of River Explorer educators.”

The Charles Dater Foundation and Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America have each made significant annual contributions to Ohio River Foundation in support of the River Explorer program.

Details and further program information are posted at www.ohioriverfdn.org. To help support this program, please call Rich Cogen, Ohio River Foundation at 513-460-3365.

Now in its eleventh year, the non-profit Ohio River Foundation (ORF), through its education and conservation activities, assists communities along the river and throughout the 200,000 sq. mile watershed with protecting water quality and improving public awareness of the importance of the natural environment in the Ohio River watershed.

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