



Here's how you can
become a member
of Eddy's Fin Club!

Grades 1-3: complete any 4 activities of your choice
Grades 4-6: complete any 6 activities of your choice

Check the activities you completed and have your parents or an adult sign and date the activity. Once you have completed your list of activities take the completed list to the Boise WaterShed Education Center to receive your award package. Be sure to fill out the back of the form with your name and address so Eddy Trout can mail you a Thank You letter for being a hero for his home ... The Boise River!

If you have any questions or need more information please see the contact information on the back of this brochure.

Good luck and have fun!

Dear Parent,

Your child may need assistance in completing some of Eddy's Activities. Contacts and suggested site locations are located on the back of this brochure. Please contact us if you or your child have questions regarding the activities.

Good luck and welcome to the club!

- Eddy Trout



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Suggested Sites to Visit:

The Boise River greenbelt

The Boise WaterShed Education Center

11818 W. Joplin Road, Boise • (208) 489-1284
OPEN: M-F 9:30-4:30, every 3rd Sat 10-2 (Closed Holidays)
www.BoiseEnvironmentalEducation.org

Foothills Learning Center

3188 Sunset Peak Road, Boise • (208) 493-2530
www.BoiseEnvironmentalEducation.org

The Hyatt wetlands – in West Boise, the corner of Chinden Blvd. and Maple Grove. Park in adjacent neighborhood. The hiking trail starts on the Maple Grove side.
www.cityofboise.org

The Idaho Botanical Garden

2355 N. Old Penitentiary Road, Boise • (208) 343-8649
www.idahobotanicalgarden.org

Morrison Knudsen Nature Center

600 South Walnut, Boise • (208) 334-2225
http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/mknc/

United Water Idaho

8248 West Victory Road, Boise • (208) 362-1479
www.unitedwater.com/idaho/index.aspx

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Become a water
hero and join...



**Eddy's
Fin
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Eddy's Activities



1. Mark Storm Drains.

Storm drain marking is a visual reminder that storm drains are for stormwater only. Marking educates residents and increases awareness about the importance of the river and the environment. Contact the Boise Public Works Department at 384-3901 or send an e-mail to ahughes@cityofboise.org to reserve the marking kits. We'll help you select an area in Boise City or Garden City to mark. *Note: marking can only be done when the weather is dry and the temperature is between 40-100 degrees.

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2. Take a walk along a river, stream, or wetlands.

The natural area alongside a river, stream or wetland is known as a riparian area. Here you'll find a greater number of plants and animals because there is shelter, food, and water. As you walk near the water, how many birds, bugs, and mammals do you see or hear? Imagine if the water was not there, how different would this area look?

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3. Visit the Foothills Learning Center or MK Nature Center to discover who lives in your watershed.

The Foothills Learning Center provides education and information about the Boise foothills and the surrounding high-desert environment.

The Morrison Knudsen Nature Center offers a one-of-a-kind fish and wildlife experience on a 4.6-acre site along the Boise River Greenbelt near downtown Boise. The Nature Center's stream walk and visitor center provide a glimpse of Idaho's many landscapes and abundant wildlife.

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4. Visit the Boise WaterShed Education Center to learn how you can protect and save water.

The Boise WaterShed promotes water stewardship through high-tech, hands-on exhibits using humor to entertain, science to amaze, and visuals that are sure to make a splash! Located at the West Boise Wastewater Treatment Facility, the LEED-certified building also features a theater, library, and amazing artwork. FREE Admission.

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5. Visit a water-wise landscape garden.

Visit a garden that uses drought-tolerant plants which thrive in Boise's dry desert climate. The plants use a lot less water, yet create a colorful, natural garden. As you walk through the garden, choose your favorite flower. Tell an adult about your water-wise garden experience. Gardens can be found at all of the suggested sites to visit on the back of this brochure, except Hyatt wetlands and the greenbelt.

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6. Pick up trash in your neighborhood or around your school yard.

The Boise River is a treasure we all take for granted. We love it, but it has a litter problem. Throughout the year our trash accumulates in streets, school yards, and parking lots. When it rains, the trash is carried down storm drains that lead directly to the Boise River. Help keep trash out of your river by picking up an area in your neighborhood or around your school.

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7. Pick up dog poop every day for 2 weeks.

Dog poop is the #2 source of bacteria (germs) to the Boise River! When it rains, dog poop gets washed down storm drains that carry it directly to the Boise River untreated. Help keep your river clean by picking up your pet's poop at home and on walks. You'll be surprised at how easy it is, and your parents will also be proud of your efforts to keep the yard clean!

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8. Make a water conservation or water protection poster to display at the Boise WaterShed.

Get out your markers, crayons, or paints and create a poster that tells others about what you have learned as part of Eddy's Fin Club. Get creative and make a message that tells others how to save water or how to keep our water clean. Your poster should be at least 8 1/2" x 11" but no larger than 11" x 17." Mail or bring it to the Boise WaterShed for display in the library!

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9. Watch a video or read a book about water conservation or protection.

Do you enjoy a good book or like to watch videos? There are plenty of books and videos available about how to save water and how to keep our water clean. Find one at your local library branch, or check one out from the Boise WaterShed's library.

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10. Calculate your water footprint.

Do you know how much water you use in your daily activities? Have you ever thought about the amount of water that is used to grow your food or make your clothes? Find out how much you use and how you can use less water in this easy online water footprint calculator. Visit www.h2oconserve.org.

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11. Test the water quality of a river, lake or stream.

How clean is the water you swim or fish in? Find out by taking simple water quality tests for temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and turbidity. Check out a free kit from the Boise WaterShed Education Center, or join the annual Watershed Watch! citizen monitoring event which takes place each spring. For more information visit the BoiseWaterShed at www.BoiseEnvironmentalEducation.org.

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12. With your parent, take a household hazardous waste product (paint, fertilizer, chemicals, medicine) to a collection site.

Help keep chemicals out of the Boise River and our groundwater. Take hazardous materials to a collection site. Boise's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program consists of mobile collection sites in Boise, Meridian, Kuna, and Eagle, and a permanent collection facility at the Ada County Hidden Hollow Sanitary Landfill. Search for the list of sites at www.cityofboise.org or call Boise City Public Works at (208) 384-3901.

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13. Sweep your home's sidewalk and driveway.

By sweeping up dirt, grass and leaves and putting the debris in your trash can, you prevent them from entering the storm drains that lead directly to the Boise River. That's better for the fish and better for you! Plus you save water by not using a hose to keep the sidewalks and driveway clean.

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14. Write Eddy Trout a letter.

What was your favorite activity that you participated in through Eddy's Fin Club? Did you learn or experience anything new? Eddy wants to hear about it! Mail the letter to: Eddy Trout, Boise City Public Works, PO Box 500, Boise, ID 83701-0500

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