Poudre River cleanup planned for Saturday

The annual Clean the Poudre River volunteer cleanup event is planned for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The event is organized by Mountain Whitewater Descents and co-sponsored by Save the Poudre and the city of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program. New World Sports will provide volunteers with bikes and bike trailers to haul the collected trash and recycling off of the Poudre River Trail.

“‘It’s been very successful, especially these last few years,” said Ben Costello of Mountain Whitewater Descents. “This will be our thirteenth cleanup we’ve organized. Last year we had over 120 volunteers. I assume we’ll do even better this year.”

Volunteers should meet in the main parking lot at Lee Martinez Park, 600 N. Sherwood St., Fort Collins. Bring gloves and sunscreen. Organizers encourage participants to carpool or bike and dress for the weather because the event will take place rain or shine.

A volunteer appreciation party is planned after the cleanup at Mountain Whitewater Descents, 1329 N. U.S. Hwy 287. There will be beer from Odell Brewing Co. and food from the Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant, Laporte Pizza and Backcountry Provisions.

The Poudre River cleanup has been going on since 2001.

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