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The **Water Information Program (WIP)** provides balanced educational programming and resources to the people of the San Juan and Dolores watersheds. WIP serves as an unbiased forum to discuss water in southwestern Colorado, publish objective and balanced information, educational workshops and festivals related to water. 27 partner organizations in southwestern Colorado—from water districts, utilities, private stakeholders and environmental advocates—make WIP possible.

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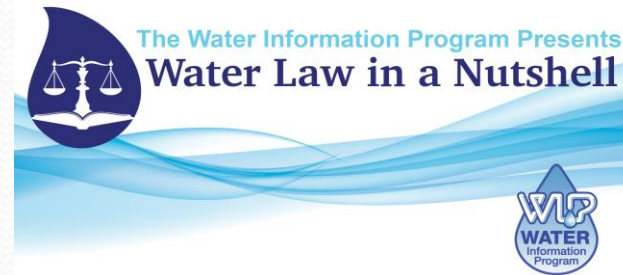
- Was Created in 1994 by Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWWCD) & Partners
- Promotes Water Education & Outreach; Facilitates and partners with other entities on educational water workshops and seminars
- Each contributing partner can participate on the WIP Steering Committee
- Each Partner contributes to the Program based on their unique resources ranging from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars
- SWWCD matches  for !!

Current Partners Include:

- Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District
- Animas Water Company
- Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority
- Dolores Water Conservancy District
- City of Durango – Water Commission
- Empire Electric Association
- Florida Water Conservancy District
- Harris Water Engineering
- High Desert Conservation District
- Kogovsek & Associates
- La Plata Archuleta Water District
- La Plata Conservation District
- La Plata Electric Association
- La Plata Water Conservancy District
- La Plata West Water Authority
- Lake Durango Water Authority
- Mancos Conservation District
- Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District
- Pine River Conservation District
- Pine River Irrigation District
- San Juan Water Conservancy District
- SGM – Bikis Water Consultants
- The Nature Conservancy
- Southwestern Water Conservation District
- Town of Silverton
- Town of Telluride
- Trout Unlimited (Five Rivers Chapter)

Programs & Events

- SWCD Annual Children's Water Festival
- Water Law in a Nutshell Course
- Partner with MSI on the Annual Forests-to-Faucets Teacher Training Workshop
- SW Basin Roundtable PEPO Liaison
- Produced an educational video – Colorado's SW Basin: Our Forests and Rivers
- Member of Colorado Water Educator Network
- Brochures, Magazines and Information Pieces
- Lending Library; E-newsletter; Water Display
- Resource Website (www.waterinfo.org)
- **If you would like to sign-up for our newsletter you can sign-up today!**



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Why is Teaching Water Education to Children Important?

Water sustains life. As children grow and comprehend the world around them, it is important they learn just how vital water is to their bodies and our environment. Children are our future, and they should be given a full understanding of water, why it is important, and how they can protect it.



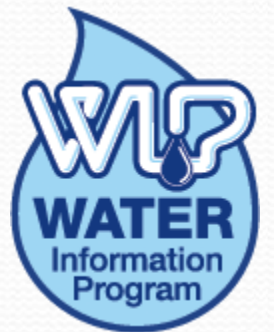
Water Education today is dedicated to solving critical environmental challenges by teaching the world about water. Elevating students understanding about water is accomplished by engaging in meaningful learning. The Water Information Program does this by providing hands-on, science-based water education programs and resources to formal and non-formal educators in the Southwest Basin and beyond.



How can you get involved?

- Without the vital contributions of our partners, we would not be unable to provide this valuable community service and important educational programs in southwest Colorado. If you or your organization would like to support the WIP program, please contact Elaine Chick. We can use your support.
- We are looking for presenters and volunteers for the upcoming Children's Water Festival taking place on May 10th, 2023 at Fort Lewis College.
- Sign up for the SWCD/WIP Nine Basins Bulletin e-newsletter [here](#).

Education, Outreach, and Innovation



**And now...it's Game
Time!**

**Are you smarter than a
5th grader?**



I am very pleased to bring up to the stage,
our very own Children's Water Festival
Water Wizard...

Buck Skillen!



Game Rules (Here):

Talk with a few tables in your row, and you will have one minute to discuss each question, which will be presented by our Water Wizard.

Choose one person to note your table's answers.

At the end, we'll provide the answers. With a raise of hands we will see who got the answers right.



ANSWERS

1. What is one of the largest aquifers in the US?
- Answer: Ogallala
2. About how much water should a person taking an average length shower use?
- Answer: 10 – 20 gallons
3. How many atoms are there in a molecule of water?
- Answer: 3
4. What was the original name of the Colorado River in the state of Colorado?
- Answer: The Grand River
5. What is the only substance found on earth naturally in three common forms?
- Answer: Water
6. What does one acre foot of water weigh?
- Answer: 1,400 Tons