Who, What, When, and….

• **Who:** Anyone - paddlers of all ages and skill levels.

• **What:** 6-day, 5-night float trip down an Iowa river - volunteers participate in educational programs and river clean-up.

• **When:** Began in 2003 and is held during July – Spend one day, the whole event, or anywhere in between on A.W.A.R.E.

• **Where:** A different Iowa river each year
Project AWARE Accomplishments (18 years)

- 2,850 participants
- 1,310 river miles cleaned
- 918,795 pounds (459 tons) of trash
- 78% of trash recycled
- 1,527 sponsors over the years
Tires (6,200+)

One Team, One Planet.  
BRIDGESTONE
In 2021, 43% of participants were new to the event.
Increasing number of volunteers 18 years or younger and families
WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY ON AWARE?
Breakfast and pack lunch at 7 am
Break camp and load gear if moving to new campground
Morning safety program
Bus shuttle to access
HOW IS THE TRASH REMOVED?
TEAMWORK
POSITIVE ATTITUDE
MUSCLE
EXHAUSTION
PROJECT A.W.A.R.E.
A Watershed Awareness River Expedition

AWARE Trash Recycling Logistics
Handling of Trash

• Local partners – area landfills and local recyclers
• Trash unloaded at halfway and end points each day
• Trash sorted by glass, plastic, scrap metal, tires, household hazardous materials, and actual trash
• Recycling also occurs in the campground
• Local partners handled scrap metal
Catering

• Meals Served in the Campground
• Volunteer registration includes three meals each day
• Volunteers bring reusable dinnerware and cooler for lunch on river
• Wash line in campground
Natural History of County and State Parks

Craft Activities for Kids (and Adults) of All Ages

Historic Places and Human History

Mormon Trails across Iowa

IOWAVILLE
An Historic Ioway Village on the Des Moines River
Site #13VB24 Van Buren Co., Iowa Circa 1834-1839

Historical artifacts and documents on display.
Other Educational Programs

- Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic
- Geology
- Archaeology
- Local Watershed Efforts
- Local History
- Astronomy
- Walking Tour of Historical Community
- And More
Sponsor support in 2021

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July 10-15, 2022
On a yet to be determined river
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