



RiverQuest

Who?

RiverQuest (*formerly Pittsburgh Voyager*) is a Pittsburgh-based 501(c)(3) non-profit science and environmental educational organization offering river-based educational programs for students, teachers, and the community.

What?

RiverQuest's mission *is to impact people's relationships to the world's environment through unique river-based education and adventure experiences*. Our 2020 vision is to attract people of all ages to directly experience, fully appreciate and enjoy the rivers and their ecosystems that are the lifeblood of our city, our region and our nation, and in doing so transform their understanding of the world around them.

Where?

The centerpiece of RiverQuest's education programs is its fleet of vessels: *Explorer*, the 90-foot, 150-passenger, state-of-the-art "green" engineered and designed flagship and the 80-foot, 70-ton retired U.S. Navy vessel *Discovery*. and a 44-foot houseboat, *Scout*. The fleet home dock is located on the North Shore of downtown Pittsburgh next to the USS Requin WWII submarine at Carnegie Science Center. Our administrative offices are downriver from our docks, in the Cardello Building next to the West End Bridge.

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People Served?

Since launching programs in 1995 as Pittsburgh Voyager, RiverQuest has served nearly 60,000 K-12 students through its experiential river-based learning programs. These students represent over 200 schools from 65 school districts in 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. Along with students, RiverQuest has served more than 2,500 teachers and college students, and more than 15,000 members of the general public.

How?

RiverQuest's multi-faceted programs, which support Pennsylvania's education standards, integrate a classroom curriculum (biology, chemistry, math and physics) with on-board programs. Formal educational programs include *Environmental Science on the Three Rivers; Community River-Ventures;* and *Boats, Bridges and Water*. While school programming is RiverQuest's hallmark, it also provides a host of other programs and services to other segments of the community. These offerings are Teacher Professional Development Workshops, College & University Laboratories, Interpretive Boat Tours, Summer Camps and Private River Education Charters.

Awards

RiverQuest has received the following recent awards for meritorious programming:

- 2006 PAEE Outstanding Environmental Education Program Recipient
- Finalist in the 2003 Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards program, presented by Dominion and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.
- Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence (2000), Governor Tom Ridge and PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Outstanding Environmental Education Award (2000), Pennsylvania Alliance for Environmental Education

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"Tell me, I'll forget • Show me, I might remember • Involve me, I'll understand"

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