

Epping Summer Recreation Graduates First Junior Rangers



"The Lamprey River is more than a river. We are all one big watershed." -- Dillin

"A long time ago, there was a paper mill, but it burned down. They used to make a lot of paper." --Emma

"Mussels help to keep the waters clean." --Ayden

"In the old days, they didn't have electricity, so they cut ice out of the river to keep food cold." --Robbie

Some of the participants in the pilot Junior Rangers program.

This summer, a group of dedicated participants in the Epping Summer Recreation program learned a lot about the Lamprey River. They covered such topics as watershed geography, history, recreational safety, wildlife, floodplains, and pollution. They learned through maps, videos, animal sampling, plant and animal identification, a field trip to Mary Blair Park, a stormwater tour of the school grounds, tying knots, quiz games and races, and their own artwork. Each Junior Ranger received a patch, personalized certificate, and a folder with key facts, pictures, and maps. Congratulations to all for a job well done!