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Alberta's highways get spruced up for spring

Young Albertans earn \$813,180 for their clubs and organizations

Edmonton... A delayed spring didn't stop 7,400 young Albertans from cleaning up Alberta's highways for a 35th year.

Volunteers from 603 clubs and non-profit groups cleaned more than 9,800 kilometres of right-of-way and earned an estimated \$813,180 for their organizations. The motivated youth were assisted by 6,682 adult supervisors to keep the event safe.

This year's participants filled 55,522 garbage bags. If placed in a single line, the bags would stretch the length of 338 football fields.

Last year, 5,000 volunteers cleaned approximately 5,500 kilometres of right-of-way and earned \$476,000 for their organizations. Weather contributed to the lower participation in 2010.

The highway cleanup is an annual event held on the first or second Saturday in May, as weather permits. Established as a fundraiser for non-profit and community groups, the program also helps keep Alberta's highways clean and safe by removing garbage from rights-of-way.

Visit www.transportation.alberta.ca/605.htm for more details on highway cleanup programs in Alberta.

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