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Lake Superior

Today we went to the estuary itself  
To learn about the body of water's health  
We learned a lot of interesting things  
From things that are invasive to things with wings

US coast guard works on an oil spill  
If it's your fault, you'll get a big bill  
They either absorb or do what's called skimming  
Thanks to them, I easily can go swimming

Another thing was rip tides  
The current's not wide, so swim to a side  
At the Park Point beach website  
It will tell you when swimming is  
safe and rip tides are out of sight

Tree roots help the water stay clean  
As it flows so softly down a stream  
Twenty million seedlings planted each year  
After they cut, the trees reappear

A pipe with water must be two times wider  
But a bridge makes the stream an easier glider  
River moves rocks and sand  
It will keep our earth a better land

After that, the Vista star  
Looking out of binoculars to see what is afar  
It was calming and cool  
Watching the lakes out of the propeller spool

A life jacket is safe for water activities  
If you don't agree, you'll have unwanted festivities  
Depending on buoyancy, things float  
Wear one always, because "they float you don't"

Invasive species include goldfish  
Zebra mussels, and rusty crayfish.  
They get here by big boat or ship  
These things take over and native species amounts dip

Piping plovers nest are being crushed  
The amount of them is being flushed  
Keep your dog on a leash to prevent consequences  
And stay away from the nests in fences

Through the binoculars I saw an eagle nest  
I saw many other cool things as we progressed.  
The people around me were fascinated too  
As we looked at the river natural zoo

To stop hypothermia, go to position H.E.L.P.  
Try not to lose energy on a yelp  
If others are there, make a group  
For all body heat will stay in the human coop

Pollution is a big problem  
Trash and waste is in this column  
Pesticides, salt, and manure don't do any good  
We all could help, yes we should

What I can do for myself  
Is to help the good ol' lake itself  
Remember cold, clean, and clear  
To keep all our native species here

I'm glad to have all this information shared to me  
It's important for us all as you can see

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