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Greetings!

Join Patuxent Riverkeeper at exciting events this summer. For more information contact us at [\(301\)579-2073](tel:3015792073). If you know of an event that would be of interest to PrK friends please let us know.

Revised Newsletter Policy:

Do you get our full sized hard copy newsletter? If not, then you might want to know that it has a lot more news and information than is contained in our monthly email alerts. The full newsletter offers updates on our advocacy campaigns, policy work for the river and efforts to empower the citizen voice for water in the Patuxent Corridor. Starting with the latest edition, the publication is available only to our members in good standing. The latest newsletter has information about our litigation against polluters, details about our community based work and regular updates on our attempts to influence a clean water future for the Patuxent watershed and a broad-based, inclusive grassroots movement to protect the river. If you did not get your newsletter in the mail this week (members can also elect to get it via email) then be sure to renew your membership now. Get the full story. [Renew or join now.](#)

Patuxent Water Trail Site Gets a Facelift

The [Patuxent Water Trail website](#) got an overhaul this month thanks to the hard work of a work group comprised of our members, Patuxent River Commissioners and various members of the local Patuxent paddling community. Local Web designer Nikki Lewis of [Koda Media Studios](#) spent countless hours migrating and upgrading pages and creating an easier interface with some new features to help paddlers find the information they need to utilize the Patuxent Water Trail. You can reserve and rent kayaks on this site, access free maps, purchase other maps, blog your input about a particular launch or camp site and lots more! Check it out at www.patuxentwatertrail.org!

Senator Fowler Sees His Toes for the 26th Time!

The 26th Annual Patuxent Wade-in at Jefferson Patterson Park was Sunday, June 9th. Well over 100 waders gathered for the annual sneaker test where Senator Bernie Fowler, Congressman Steny Hoyer and others waded into the surf to see how far they could get before losing sight of their feet. This year's official measurement was 34 inches compared to last year's 35 inches. We have a long way to go to regain the river of Bernie's youth.

Citizen Science Project Needs Volunteers

June 14-16, 2013

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center needs volunteers ages 15 years and older to participate in a survey of mud crabs and mud crab parasites in the Chesapeake Bay. Several sites in Central and Southern Maryland need volunteers including Deale, Herrington Harbor, Broomes Island, Combs Creek, and Aqualand. For more information and project sign up visit:

http://www.serc.si.edu/labs/marine_invasions/citizen_science/Parasite_project.aspx

Great American Backyard Campout

June 22-23, 2013

Patuxent River Park, 16000 Croom Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Enjoy camping, nature hikes, animal programs, star gazing and s'mores.

Reservations are required. For more information and to register visit:

http://www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/Nature/Patuxent_River_Park.htm

Fee: Resident \$40; Non-Resident \$48 (Fee covers 2 adults and 5 children)

Volunteer Paddlers Needed

June 22, 2013

Patuxent River Park

Volunteers are needed to help with the Great American Backyard Campout paddling experience. We are looking for experienced paddlers who would like to welcome newbies to the sport and share their paddling expertise and experiences while acting as safety boaters while campers are on the water. For more information contact fred@paxriverkeeper.org or [301-579-2073](tel:301-579-2073).

Hike with Patuxent Riverkeeper!

June 23, 2013 at 10:30am

Come hiking along the Patuxent River near Merkle State Wildlife Sanctuary next to this wild river that forms the boundary between Anne Arundel and Prince Georges Counties. The hike is hosted by Scenic Rivers Land Trust and Patuxent Riverkeeper. The gentle trail walk by scenic vistas will be guided and interpreted by longtime Patuxent native and Riverkeeper Fred Tutman. Come get some exercise while enjoying wildlife, history and nature. After the hike join us for refreshments on the waterfront at nearby historic Nottingham and the new Patuxent Riverkeeper headquarters & Water Trail Visitor's Center. Paddling at the Visitor's Center permitted for a launch fee (use your kayak) or a rental (use our kayaks). The hike and refreshments afterward are free, donations appreciated and support the good works of Scenic Rivers Land Trust and Patuxent Riverkeeper. RSVP required. For info, directions and to reserve your spot: info@paxriverkeeper.org

Double Feature Movie Night at Nottingham Visitor's Center

July 13, 2013 at 6:30pm

Join the staff from Patuxent Riverkeeper and Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary for a double feature movie night on the Patuxent waterfront. Watch "The Last Mountain" followed by discussion on mountain top removal and the invasive snakehead fish and the horror flick "Frankenfish". Enjoy popcorn and cold drinks. Bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on. RSVP to Info@paxriverkeeper.org or [301-579-2073](tel:301-579-2073). Patuxent Riverkeeper Center is at 17412 Nottingham Road; Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Please note: Frankenfish is rated R, parental discretion is advised.

Rent a Kayak or Canoe Online

Want to rent a canoe or kayak from the Nottingham Visitor's Center? Now you can do so online at the "Store". Just visit the **Online Store** at least 24 hours before you need a boat and you can make the arrangements. See you on the river!

Sincerely,
Patuxent Riverkeeper

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