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Dear Frederick,

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year from Patuxent Riverkeeper!

This Holiday time of year provides a moment of pause and a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to give thanks and have hope for peace on earth. We at Patuxent Riverkeeper are grateful to serve a marvelous watershed of people and communities and for the work we get to do each day, fighting on behalf of a cleaner Patuxent River and for local communities and their clean water.

This monthly e-newsletter serves to brief our members about our direct activities in the Patuxent watershed and helps spread the word about our efforts to promote an empowered citizen's movement to protect the living resources of the Patuxent and the communities along its track. We organize a variety of year-round river programs to promote fair access, justice and stewardship for river resources.

With the addition of our new Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, we are excited to announce we will have new volunteer opportunities available in 2015 for those who would like to be more directly involved with our efforts. The first 2015 opportunity we want to tell you about is the revival of the Roughnecks, which we urge you to read about below. Also ahead in 2015 will be the first ever "Reality Check" River Report card which will break with traditional watershed report card formats and use citizen review panels in addition to science in order to score the Patuxent River on the basis of fishability, drinkability and swimmability. Volunteers are needed to serve on the review panels. Contact us for more information.

Dues paying members get much more detailed written newsletters from time to time, plus free access to the launch facilities at our waterfront visitor's center along with various other member benefits and discounts. We encourage you to renew



your membership online now if you haven't already done so. Not a current member? [Join now!](#)

Sincerely,

Fred Tutman & the Board of Directors of
Patuxent Riverkeeper

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Patuxent Riverkeeper News & Events

We're Bringing Back the Roughnecks!



Are you a dormant or former Roughneck eager to get back out on the river and get your hands dirty? Are you interested in learning more about what the Roughnecks do?

Then come to our Roughnecks Planning Session and Interest Meeting in February!

This meeting will serve

double-duty as a party and will be an opportunity for us to learn what the returning Roughnecks' priorities are for water trail maintenance. We will also begin scheduling our trips for 2015. This event is open to anyone who is interested in possibly joining the Roughnecks. We will have a BBQ or an oyster roast if we can get them, and a bonfire if the temperature permits. We have scheduled a snow date in the event of inclement weather. We anticipate the first Roughneck trip of 2015 will likely be in March.

Party Details:

Location: Patuxent Riverkeeper's Office

17412
Nottingham Road
Upper
Marlboro, MD 20772

Date: Saturday,
February 7, 2015

Snow Date: Saturday,
February 21, 2015

Time: 2:00 PM - 5:00
PM

RSVP: By Friday,
February 6, 2015 to
Katie Mettle, our
Volunteer Maryland Coordinator
katie@paxriverkeeper.org
301-579-2073 ext. 6



Here's the Volunteer Position Description:

Title: Member of Patuxent River Roughneck Crew

Purpose:

Help Patuxent Riverkeeper clear impairments to navigation along the Patuxent Water Trail. To add amenities where needed to facilitate greater public paddling access to the river.

Description of Duties: A Roughnecks trip begins with mapping, hiking, surveying, and planning. Paddler safety issues and navigational blockages are surveyed and photographed, and a list of tools, resources, and minimum staffing is compiled. Volunteer worker safety considerations are reviewed. Roughnecks travel in canoes and kayaks and ferry their equipment to the job sites. Along the way, small-scale briars and branches that might impair sight lines, smack paddlers in the face, or create a nuisance are removed. Above water brush is trimmed back in a minimalist way in order to make the paddle route more user-friendly. Larger river obstructions take a lot of planning and rigging. For those we use safety chains and ropes to anchor major logs to solid points on the banks. People working in exposed areas or deeper water are assigned spotters to keep an eye on them and help keep them safe.



Qualifications: Determination and willingness to get your hands dirty. Canoeing, kayaking, bow saw, lopper, and cross cut saw experience are helpful.

Time Requirements: Trips will be once a month and be about four to five hours long. Our first trip will be in March and our last trip is tentatively planned for

August, but we hope to continue our trips into the fall.

Orientation/Training: Training will occur in the field and be provided by experienced Roughnecks. Safety protocols will be discussed, as well as how to remove obstructions without damaging the ecosystem.

Benefits: Gain new knowledge and skills, work with a passionate and dedicated team, and help other paddlers and spawning fish to navigate the river and maintain free flowing areas, improving safety and protecting wildlife habitat. The Roughnecks' work has also helped Patuxent Riverkeeper develop greatly improved mapping for the entire watershed.

E valuation and Reporting

Procedures: Each volunteer must fill out an online survey before the first Roughnecks trip, which will be emailed to them. Each volunteer must report their hours to the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator within one week of a Roughnecks trip (Contact information is below). One volunteer must report the outcome of the trip to the



Volunteer Maryland Coordinator within one week of the trip. This information will include launch point, number of blockages cleared, length of river opened, and other pertinent information. A form will be provided via email for this purpose. At the end of the Roughnecks season, an evaluation survey will be emailed to all Roughnecks who participated during the season.

Location: Our office address is 17412 Nottingham Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. However, work will be done throughout the navigable, upper portions of the river.

Contact: Katie Mettle, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator. Email her at katie@paxriverkeeper.org or call her at 301-579-2073 ext. 6 if you have more questions, are interested in joining the Roughnecks, or just want to try it out for one trip.

UPCOMING PATUXENT RIVERKEEPER PUBLIC APPEARANCE:

Soup and Science with Fred Tutman, Patuxent Riverkeeper.
Sunday, Jan 11; 1:00 - 3:00 pm
1361 Wrighton Road,
Lothian, MD 20711

Enjoy hearty homemade soup and fresh bread with fellow nature lovers at the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. Then sit back with a cup of coffee or tea and dessert and enjoy listening to our guest speaker. Since 2004, Fred Tutman has been the Patuxent Riverkeeper working on behalf of citizens and communities to protect water quality, sense of place and the ecology within the Patuxent watershed. Hear about his lessons learned and anecdotes from the front lines of fighting pollution and from watershed community building on the Patuxent during the first decade of Patuxent Riverkeeping. Also, he will reflect on the past present and future of community based conservation work on the Patuxent.



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Ages: Adults

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