



## 2010 Allegheny River Sojourn

Dear Allegheny River Sojourner:

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) would like to thank you for joining us on the 2010 Allegheny River Sojourn on Saturday, June 12 and/or Sunday, June 13, 2010. This year's sojourn is sponsored in part by WPC and PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR).

Participants will enjoy the wild scenery as we travel the Allegheny River from Allegheny Outfitters in Warren, PA to Indian Waters Canoe and Kayak Rentals a few miles north of Tidioute. The first day we'll travel approximately nine miles from Allegheny Outfitters to the Buckaloons Recreation Area of the Allegheny National Forest, near Irvine, Pa. Along the way, we will pass by historic Warren, Pa., where we'll visit Betts Park and have some excitement with a short section of rapids. The second day will be a leisurely nine-mile float past a few of the designated National Forest Islands found in the Allegheny River. The trip will conclude a few miles upriver of Tidioute at Indian Waters Canoe and Kayak Rentals.

The weekend of outdoor recreation also will be full of entertainment aside from the on-the-water variety. If you are in the area Friday night, June 11, Warren County Historical Society will be coordinating tours of local museums and historical highlights in the city of Warren. If you plan to attend these historical programs, please let us know by indicating so on your registration form, so that WPC can inform the Historical Society of the number of interested participants. Saturday will include a lunchtime presentation on the birds that inhabit the Allegheny River. Saturday evening will be capped-off by Tamarack Wildlife Rehab and Education Center with a live raptor presentation. Sunday will include another exciting and informative presentation about the Allegheny River before we embark on the last leg of our trip. *A complete itinerary is included in your packet.*

Throughout this event, WPC staff will be available to speak with participants about the flora and fauna found throughout the region, as well as current WPC projects and initiatives. Registration fee includes daily meals and snacks, entertainment, canoe rental, and shuttle service for the event. Participants must reserve overnight accommodations at their own expense. *A list of lodging options in the area is included in this packet.*

To be certain that you are comfortable, we have taken the time to prepare a *Packing List* for you and your family. Please use this list as an aid in planning for your trip.

On Saturday, we will **meet between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Buckaloons Recreation Area inside the Allegheny National Forest** for registration. From there, we will

be shuttled to Allegheny Outfitters in Warren, PA. At the end of the day, we will arrive back at Buckaloons where you will be able to drive to your accommodations or stay and camp. There are limited camping sites at Buckaloons, so we recommend making reservations in advance. You can reserve your campsite online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

On Sunday, all participants will **meet between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Buckaloons Recreation Area**. Sunday-only sojourners will register at this time. The sojourn will end a few miles upriver of Tidioute at Indian Waters Canoe and Kayak Rentals. From there, everyone will be shuttled back to Buckaloons and their vehicles to depart. Those bringing personal boats will be required to return to Indian Waters to retrieve your vessel. Boats will not be shuttled back to Buckaloons.

If you need to contact us during the event, please call Indian Waters Canoe and Kayak Rentals at 814-484-3252. If you have any questions before the sojourn, please contact Kelly Horrell at 724-459-0953 ext. 113 or email her at [khorrell@paconserve.org](mailto:khorrell@paconserve.org). We look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,



Benjamin M. Wright  
Assistant Director, Watershed  
Conservation Program

Enclosures

*“Paddling on Pennsylvania’s rivers and lakes is a great outdoor activity for the entire family and one that can be enjoyed from spring through fall. State regulations require all unpowered boats, like canoes and kayaks, to be registered or display a launch permit decal in order to launch at most public boat launches. Launch permits may be purchased from the PA Fish and Boat Commission’s web site at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com). Click on Pubs and Products, The Outdoor Shop, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Products, then Boat Permits. The fees from registering your boat or your purchase of a launch permit support the development and maintenance of the tremendous network of boat access sites throughout the Commonwealth.”*

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to: **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy**  
Registration deadline: **Friday, May 28, 2010**

*Mail form to:* Watershed Conservation Program, Attn: Kelly Horrell  
246 South Walnut Street, Blairsville, PA 15717 *or*  
email to khorrell@paconserve.org

### **Registrant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred means of communication?

E-mail                       phone                       standard mail

### **Sojourn Information:**

Day(s) Participating:

Both Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>                      Price: **\$90/person**  
 Only Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>    Price: **\$60/person**  
 Only Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>    Price: **\$60/person**

### **Adult T-shirt size:**

Small                       Medium                       Large                       X-Large                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Canoeing Experience:**

None     Intermediate  
 Beginner     Seasoned

**Do you have the ability to swim?**                       YES                       NO

### **Are you certified in/as any of the following:**

CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)  
 First Aid  
 EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)  
 Canoe Certification  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Canoe Partner's Name** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you do not have a partner, we will be happy to coordinate a partner for you.)*

**Are you planning to attend the historic tour provided by Warren County Historical Society on Friday evening, June 11, 2010?**                       YES                       NO

*(A \$3.00 fee can be paid to the Historical Society at the time of the tour.)*

# 2010 Allegheny River Sojourn Itinerary

Following is an itinerary of the two-day trip: *(subject to change)*

## **Friday evening, June 11, 2010:**

Optional (on-your-own) historical tour of Warren, PA, presented by Warren County Historical Society. There will be a \$3 charge for the tour. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and participants can gather at the historical society located at 210 Fourth Avenue in Warren.

## **Saturday, June 12, 2010:**

### **All Participants:**

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Registration at Buckaloons
9:00 a.m.	Introduction & safety instructions
9:30 a.m.	Shuttle to Allegheny Outfitters
10:30 a.m.	Launch from Allegheny Outfitters
1:30 p.m.	Lunch at Betts Park, Warren
2:00 p.m.	River Birds Presentation
3:00 p.m.	Launch from Betts Park, Warren
5:30 p.m.	Take out at Buckaloons
6:00 p.m.	Dinner at Buckaloons
Following dinner	Raptor Education Program

\*Individuals must provide their own overnight accommodations

## **Sunday, June 13, 2010:**

### **Sunday-only Participants:**

8:00–8:45 a.m.	Registration at Buckaloons
8:45 a.m.	Introduction & safety instructions

### **All Participants:**

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast at Buckaloons
9:45 a.m.	Educational program & optional morning stretch
11:00 a.m.	Launch from Buckaloons
12:30 p.m.	Lunch on the River (location TBD) (boxed lunch provided at morning launch)
1:45 p.m.	Launch from lunch destination
3:30 p.m.	Take out at Indian Waters
4:00 p.m.	Closing Talks
4:30 p.m.	Shuttle back to Buckaloons (Please note: boats will not be shuttled back to Buckaloons; individuals bringing personal boats must return to Indian Waters to retrieve your vessel)

## 2010 Allegheny River Sojourn Important Information

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### **What is Included**

Registering for the sojourn will get you:

- Canoe, paddles, and lifejackets
- Meals (Sat. lunch and dinner; Sun. breakfast and lunch), snacks, & water/juice
- Several presentations and entertainment opportunities
- Bus transportation to/from launch or take-out points
- Fun times with family and friends

### **Overnight Accommodations**

Participants are responsible for their own overnight accommodations, a list of close facilities has been provided. Staff of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will be camping at Buckaloons Recreation Area, if participants desire to camp at Buckaloons, it is recommended that reservations be made in advance. Reservations can be made by logging on to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

Other accommodations nearby include, but are not limited to:

- Edgewood Motel – 28610 Route 6, Youngsville, PA 16371 (814) 563-7516
- Holiday Inn – 210 Ludlow Street, Warren, PA 16365 (814) 726-3000
- Super 8 – 204 Struthers Street, Warren, PA 16365 (814) 723-8881
- Warren Motel – 2240 Pennsylvania Avenue, Warren, PA 16365 (814) 723-5550
- Red Carpet Inn – 1665 Market Street Ext, Warren, PA 16365 (814) 723-5671
- Horton House Bed and Breakfast – 504 Market Street Warren, PA 16365 (888) 723-7472 or (814)-723-7472 or Fax (814) 726-3633
- Galloping Inn Bed and Breakfast – 37441 Route 6 Freehold Township, PA 16436 (814) 706-9274

### **Canoes**

Canoes are provided for participants of the sojourn. There will generally be two people per vessel. If you do not have a partner, WPC will be happy to assist with coordinating partners.

Although WPC discourages bringing your own boat, we do not prohibit it. If you chose to bring your own boat, you will be responsible for having it properly registered and you will need to provide your own paddles, safety vests, etc. WPC will not be responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen personal items associated with your boat and there is no registration discount. **If you decide to bring your own boat, please contact Kelly Horrell at 724.459.0953 ext. 113 or [khorrell@paconserve.org](mailto:khorrell@paconserve.org) by no later than May 28, 2010, so shuttle arrangements can be made with the livery.**

The price of registration is the same regardless of whether you utilize the canoe rentals or bring your own vessel.

### **Shuttles**

Participants will be expected to meet at the Buckaloons registration area on Saturday, and will then be transported to the launch site via bus. At the end of the Sojourn on Sunday, participants will be shuttled back to the parking area at the Buckaloons registration area. Under no circumstances will additional stops be made. Boats will NOT be shuttled back to the Buckaloons parking area. Those bringing personal boats are required to return to Indian Waters to retrieve your vessel.

### **Refreshments**

On Saturday, two meals will be provided for participants, a lunch and dinner. On Sunday, two meals will be provided for participants, breakfast and a bagged lunch. Bottled water and snacks will also be provided for everyone.

### **Fishing**

If fishing is desired, participants are responsible for having a current PA fishing license and fishing gear.

### **Clothing**

Due to the nature of a sojourn, there is a distinct possibility of becoming wet during the event, be it from inclement weather or a possible “spill” into the river. It is highly recommended that participants bring a dry bag containing a change of clothes. Additionally, it is recommended that you avoid 100% cotton clothing while paddling, as it retains moisture and dries slowly.

### **Weather**

Sojourn activities will take place rain or shine. Please be prepared for inclement weather. In instances where water levels prohibit travel on the water, alternate activities may take place, including hiking. Having appropriate hiking gear is strongly recommended.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

For participants who would like to provide a phone number for someone not going on the sojourn, please provide him or her with Indian Water Canoe and Kayak Rentals number, (814) 484-3252. Messages can be left at the office during their office hours and will be checked daily.

### **Message from DCNR and PA Fish & Boat Commission**

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# 2010 Allegheny River Sojourn Emergency Contact Information

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Mo\_\_ Day\_\_ Yr\_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Information

*(should not be attending sojourn)*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### Phone Numbers:

▲ Home ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

▲ Cell ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

▲ Work ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Physician** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Insurance Provider:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HI Policy Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**HI Group Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you** have any **medical conditions, including allergies**, which we should know about?

YES       NO

If yes, please explain:

**Do you** have any dietary restrictions we should know about?

YES       NO

If yes, please explain:

# 2010 Allegheny River Sojourn Packing Checklist

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This list is not all-inclusive, but should give you a good start in preparing for the trip. Be sure to bring comfortable clothing that you won't mind getting wet! Below is a list of other items to pack.

## **Canoe Gear** – Be prepared to get wet.

- Whistle on lanyard
- Dry bag
- Toilet paper
- Paddling clothes with sturdy water shoes (old tie sneakers are good)
- Dry clothes
- Sunglasses
- Hat(s)
- Rain jacket
- Paddling gloves/knee pads/seat pads – *optional*
- 50 feet nylon cord – *optional*

## **Camping Gear** – If you're sleeping outdoors

- Tent
- Sleeping bag/pillow
- Foam pad/air mattress
- Personal toilet articles, shower shoes, bath towel
- Sunscreen
- Dry shoes
- Bug repellent
- Rain gear
- Camp clothes, including sleeping gear, cold weather clothing, and rain gear
- Hat/visor/sunglasses
- Flashlight with extra batteries/bulb
- Pocket knife

## **Medical Aids**

- Prescriptions
- Medic Alert bracelet/ID
- Poison ivy treatments
- Band-Aids
- Antiseptic
- Insect repellent

## **Other – Optional**

- Binoculars (bring for River Birds presentation).
- Field guides
- Camera
- Fishing Gear and Tackle
- Fishing License

## 2010 Allegheny River Sojourn Policy Page

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*For the safety of yourself and others, all participants must adhere to sojourn policies.  
Thank you.*

- 1) All participants must attend the daily safety briefing conducted prior to launch and agree to abide by all safety instructions.
- 2) All participants must read and sign the release of liability form. For participants under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the release of liability form.
- 3) Participants under the age of 18 are the responsibility of a parent or guardian. Children under the age of 10 may not attend the Sojourn.
- 4) All participants must wear a Type III USCG approved floatation device at all times while on the water.
- 5) The consumption of alcoholic beverages prior to launch or during travel on the water is prohibited.
- 6) Participants are required to follow the directions given by safety personnel and WPC staff.
- 7) Participants are required to carry any necessary medical items at all times; **for example, inhalers and venomous sting kits.**
- 8) Due to the commitment of registration funds for activities and meals during the sojourn, there will be no refunds of registration fees after May 28, 2010, which is the registration deadline. WPC apologizes for any inconveniences this may cause.
- 9) Participants may cancel their registration up to the predetermined registration deadline of the sojourn, and a refund will be provided.

### Allegheny River Sojourn Participant Preparation Check List

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- I have registered for the sojourn and submitted payment.
- I have read and understand all items in this packet.
- I have signed the WPC Liability Release and Indian Waters Rental Release forms.
- I have carefully filled out the emergency information form.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Allegheny River Sojourn

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

*Please read before signing.*

For consideration to participate in Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's (WPC) Allegheny River Sojourn, and any of its related programs and activities, I,

\_\_\_\_\_

(print name clearly)

the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree to the following:

- 1) The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skill, equipment and personal discipline may reduce risk, the risk of serious injury does exist.
- 2) I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISK, both known and unknown, even if ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.
- 3) I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation, and ALL ITEMS ON THE ALLEGHENY RIVER SOJOURN POLICY page. Additionally, if I observe any unusual and/or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of WPC staff immediately.
- 4) I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS WPC, their owners, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property associated with my presence or participation, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 5) I authorize Releasees to provide or obtain for me such medical care as they consider necessary and appropriate, and I agree to pay all costs associated with such care and related transportation.
- 6) I hereby give permission for my photo to be taken during activities with WPC and for said photographs to be used in commercial and non-commercial activity.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date of birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE**

(Under age 18 at time of registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my child, and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

INDIAN WATERS CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS

RTE 62 RRI BOX 56, TIDIOUTE, PA 16351

RENTAL RELEASE AGREEMENT

1. Although Indian Waters Canoe & Kayak Rentals, (here and always in this document collectively referred to as "IW") has taken responsible steps to provide you with safe and well-maintained equipment, we wish to remind you this activity is not without known and unknown risks. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity can also cause loss or damage to equipment, accidental injury to participants, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent injury or death. We do not want to frighten you to reduce your enthusiasm, but we think it important for you to know in advance what to expect, and to be informed of the inherent risks. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBE SOME, BUT NOT ALL OF THOSE RISKS: Your boat could turn over and/or you could have to swim rapids, risking collision with rocks and entanglement with trees as well as head injuries. You can slip or fall during a hike, resulting in damage to equipment or personal injury. Exposure to the natural elements can be uncomfortable and/or harmful; you should be aware that this exposure could cause sunburn, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heat cramps. Prolonged exposure to cold water can result in hypothermia. Exposure to potentially dangerous wildlife, insects, and plants, and accidental drownings are also a possibility.

2. I understand and acknowledge that the above list is not complete or exhaustive, and that other risks, known or unknown, identified and unidentified, anticipated and unanticipated, may result in bodily injury, death, illness, or damage to myself, or to others. I expressly accept those risks not specifically listed above as well. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of risks.

3. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify IW, its owners, agents and employees for all losses, damages, defense costs, attorneys fees, and any other costs incurred in connection with claims for bodily injury or property damage related to the use of this equipment, except for reasonable wear and tear.

4. I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge IW from any and all liability, claims, demands, attorneys fees, actions or rights of actions, which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this activity and with installation, maintenance, selection, adjustment and/or use of this equipment including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of IW, for any and all injury, death, illness, or damage to myself, to my property, or to others.

5. I have not misrepresented to IW my height, weight, age, physical condition, experience or skill.

6. In the event that I file lawsuit against IW, I agree to do so solely in the state of Pennsylvania, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of the state.

7. Should it be necessary for IW, or someone on IW's behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay IW reasonable costs and attorney's fees.

I, the undersigned, have carefully read, agreed to, and understand the release agreement above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION

(must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (print names of minors) ("Minor") being permitted by IW to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless IW from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation of Minor.

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN 12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET (PFD) AT ALL TIMES

## Directions to Buckaloons Recreation Area

Buckaloons Recreation Area rests on the site of a former Indian village, on the banks of the Allegheny River. Take U.S. Route 6 west from Warren, PA. Buckaloons is just south of the intersection of U.S. Routes 6 and 62, about six miles from Warren.

