



## 2011 Clarion River Sojourn

Dear Clarion River Sojourner:

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) would like to thank you for joining us on the 2011 Clarion River Sojourn on Saturday, June 11 and/or Sunday, June 12, 2011. This year's sojourn is sponsored in part by WPC and PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR).

The Clarion River slowly meanders through scenic narrow valleys, past large pools and hardwood forests providing a relaxing scenic trip, welcoming to all levels of boaters. The first day entails a 13-mile trip starting in Hallton, paddling down river through miles of the beautiful undisturbed Pennsylvania Wilds. Along with a few riffles and small waves we will encounter a little excitement on Pine Rapid, a class 1 to 1+ designated rapid. We will end day one's journey at Clear Creek State Park. Clear Creek State Park is recognized as an Important Bird Area, so bird watchers remember your binoculars.

Day two will launch from Clear Creek State Park. Sunday's leisurely paddle will pass through several Important Bird Areas including a locally known bald eagle nesting area high in the hills of the Wild and Scenic River Corridor. Along the journey staff members will be available to answer questions about the flora and fauna found throughout the area, as well as discuss current WPC projects and initiatives. The two day event will come to an end as we near our final destination, the Pale Whale Canoe Livery located in Cooksburg.

Presentations will occur throughout the sojourn starting mid-afternoon on Saturday. An optional stop at the Millstone Creek canoe access will feature a member of the Clarion River Municipal Partnership discussing recreational improvements along the river. Following the completion of the first day's float, an arts exhibition will occur in the evening. Sunday morning will include a talk on the PA WILDS initiative. Finally, during lunch on the river Sunday a demonstration on how to tie various fishing knots will take place. *A complete itinerary is included in your packet.*

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.

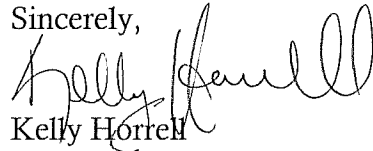
On Saturday, we will **meet between 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. at the Pale Whale Livery in Cooksburg** for registration. From there, we will be shuttled to the launch site at

Hallton. At the end of the day, we will arrive at Clear Creek State Park where you will be shuttled back to your vehicles. **Please be advised that only participants will be shuttled from Clear Creek State Park, and not boats.**

On Sunday, drivers only will be asked to take their vehicles to the Pale Whale Livery at 8:00 a.m. Sunday-only sojourners will register between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. at the Pale Whale Livery. All participants at the Pale Whale during this time will be shuttled back to Clear Creek State Park for breakfast and launch. The sojourn will end in Cooksburg at the Pale Whale Livery.

If you have any questions before the sojourn, please contact Kelly Horrell at 724-459-0953 ext. 113 or email her at [khorrrell@paconserve.org](mailto:khorrrell@paconserve.org). We look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,



Kelly Horrell

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 27, 2011**

*Prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>, Mail form to:* Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Attn: Kelly Horrell  
246 South Walnut Street, Blairsville, PA 15717 or  
email to [khorrrell@paconserve.org](mailto:khorrrell@paconserve.org)

*After April 15<sup>th</sup>, Mail form to:* Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Attn: Kelly Horrell  
1067 Philadelphia Street, Suite 101  
Indiana, PA 15701

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Price: **\$95/person**

Only Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Price: **\$65/person**

Only Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Price: **\$65/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.)*

## 2011 Clarion 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:

## 2011 Clarion River Sojourn Policy Page

*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 27, 2011, 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.

### Clarion River Sojourn Participant Preparation Check List

- 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 Pale Wale Livery Rental Release forms.
- I have carefully filled out the Registration Form and Emergency Information Form.
- I have mailed my completed packet to the correct address stated on the Registration Form

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Clarion River Sojourn

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

*Please read before signing.*

For consideration to participate in Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's (WPC) Clarion 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 CLARION 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

# Cook Riverside Cabins, Inc. (Pale Whale Canoe Fleet)

## READ CAREFULLY

### WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of Cook Riverside Cabins, Inc. (Pale Whale Canoe Fleet), from now on referred to as CRC-PW, furnishing services and/or equipment to enable me to participate in CRC-PW, I agree as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that outdoor recreational activities have: (a) inherent risks, dangers and hazards and such exist in my use of CRC-PW activities; (b) my participation in such activities and/or use of such equipment may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death, or other ailments that could cause serious disability; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers or agents of CRC-PW; the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes. Risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including but not limited to, guide decision making, including that a guide may misjudge terrain, weather, trail or river route location, and water level, risks of falling out of or drowning while in a raft, canoe, kayak or such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities and/or use of equipment, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of the owners, agents, officers, or employees of CRC-PW, or by another person.

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify CRC-PW and its owners, agents, officers, and employees from any and all claims, actions, or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of my use of CRC-PW equipment or my participation in CRC-PW activities. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the owners, agents, officers, or employees of CRC-PW.

The venue of any dispute that may arise out of this agreement or otherwise between the parties to which CRC-PW or its agents is a party shall be either the city of Marienville, Pennsylvania Justice Court or the County or State Supreme Court in Forest County.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE. IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE COOK RIVERSIDE CABINS, INC. (PALE WHALE CANOE FLEET) FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME (PRINTED) \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following to be filled out by a Cook Riverside Cabins, Inc. (Pale Whale Canoe Fleet) employee only**

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License Plate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Services Provided \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Itinerary**  
**Clarion River Sojourn 2011**

Saturday June 11, 2011:

8:00-9:15	Registration at Pale Whale
9:30	Introduction & safety instructions
10:15	Travel to launch site
11:00	Lunch along the shore
11:30	Launch
2:00	Canoe Access Talk
3:30-4:45	Takeout and shuttle (approximate time)
5:00	Arts presentation
6:00	Dinner

\*Individuals must provide their own overnight accommodations

Sunday June 12, 2011:

8:00-8:30	Registration at Pale Whale for Sunday only participants
*8:30	Shuttle to Clear Creek (*all participants see note*)
9:00	Breakfast
9:30-10:30	PA WILDS presentation
10:45	Introduction and safety instructions & launch
12:30-1:30	Lunch along shore (fishing talk)
3:30-5:00	Takeout at Pale Whale

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\*Shuttling service for participants provided

\*\*All time are subject to change



## 2011 Clarion 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
- 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. We will be pulling out at Clear Creek on Saturday and launching from Clear Creek on Sunday. If participants desire to camp at Clear Creek State Park, it is recommended that reservations be made in advance.

Other accommodations nearby include, but are not limited to:

- Comfort Inn Clarion 129 Dolby Street Clarion, PA 16214
- Gold Eagle Inn 250 West Main St. Brookville, PA 15825
- Hampton Inn, Clarion 4 Hospital Drive Clarion, PA 16214
- Holiday Inn – Clarion 45 Holiday Inn Road Clarion, PA 16214
- Microtel Inn & Suites 151 Hotel Drive Clarion, PA 16214
- Microtel Inn & Suites 252 Cherry Street Marienville, PA 16239
- Pioneer Motel 110 Chestnut Street Marienville, PA 16239
- Quality Inn 235 Allegheny Boulevard Brookville, PA 15825
- Quality Inn & Suites 24 United Drive Clarion, Pa 16214
- Royal Inn 17089 Route 219 Ridgway, PA 15853
- Clear Creek and Cook's Forest State Park campsites
- Accommodations at Forest Ridge 814-927-8340
- Allegheny National Forest
- Campers Paradise Camping and Cabins 814-752-2393

### 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 27, 2011, so that shuttle arrangements can be made with the livery.\*\*\**

### Shuttles

Participants will be expected to meet at the Pale Whale Canoe Livery registration area on Saturday, and will then be transported by the Pale Whale Canoe Livery to the launch site. Once all vessels have reached Clear Creek State Park after Saturday's paddle, **participants only** will be shuttled back to their vehicles at the Pale Whale Livery. Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will not be transporting vessels throughout the trip.

Sunday morning, only new registrants and participants with vehicles are expected to meet at the Pale Whale Canoe Livery in order to drop off vehicles, and will be shuttled back to Clear Creek State Park to launch. At the end of the sojourn on Sunday, your vehicles should be at the Pale Whale Livery prior to take out. **There will be no shuttling service after Sunday's event.** Under no circumstances will additional stops be made. Boats will **NOT** be shuttled after the event.

### Refreshments

On Saturday, two meals will be provided for participants, a bagged lunch and dinner. On Sunday, two meals will be provided for participants, breakfast and a bagged lunch. 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.

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

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## 2011 Clarion 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.
- Field guides
- Camera
- Fishing Gear and Tackle
- Fishing License