



**Spring 2008**

**June 6** - River Day at HHMS & Scout and family campout at Sandy Point

**June 7** - River Stewardship Day - cleanup followed by picnic at 2 PM

**June 14** - Locust Grove Wine and Arts Festival

**June 21** - Paddle and float on the Mattaponi, for more info, call 769-2968 or email dshank51@msn.com

**June 25** - host Christ Church School River Adventure group for dinner

**Aug. 2** - Wacky Walkerton Waft Wace



*These scouts won one of the prizes for the most unusual piece of trash found at the 2007 River Stewardship Day. What will they find this year?*

**Come spend the day on the river with some fun people!**  
**18th Annual River Stewardship Day**  
**June 7**

Briefings at 8:30 AM  
Picnic at 2PM

**Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association newsletter**

**18th annual River Stewardship Day set for June 7**

If you haven't called Kitty Cox yet to tell her you're coming, dial (804) 769-3939 or email [kitty@twinriversrealty.com](mailto:kitty@twinriversrealty.com) and volunteer for the annual river clean up and picnic. Plan to meet at 8:30 AM at one of three locations for a briefing, pick up trash bags and get your assignment. The start locations are Dick Campbell's on the Mattaponi River (turn at King William Courthouse and follow the signs), Rainbow Acres Campground in King and Queen and the West Point Boat Landing.



This year we will concentrate on parts of the river close to Rainbow Acres, West Point and Sandy Point State Forest. There will also be a rain barrel workshop beginning at 10 AM at the pavilion at Campbell's Cottage as part of the stewardship activities.

Several Scout troops and other groups plan to work on the water trail kiosk and outdoor classroom site at Sandy Point and camp out Friday night, work at Sandy Point on Saturday, then paddle to Dick Campbell's cottage for the picnic that begins at 2PM. There will be BBQ, baked beans, slaw, fried chicken and ice cream for all the hungry volunteers. The event will be held rain or shine.

We have lots of great sponsors, who help pay for food and supplies, and donate door prizes for those who come to help. We'd like to thank the following sponsors who support River Stewardship Day and keep our organization afloat the rest of the year. Sponsors this year include: 360 Hardware, Allied Waste - King & Queen Landfill, Aylett Tire, Inc., Bank of Essex, Bennett Mineral Company, Citizens and Farmers Bank, Dominion Resources, Inc., Endfield Nursery, Inc., Essex Concrete Corp./Aylett Sand & Gravel, Inc., EVB, F & M Marine, GeoEnvironmental Services, Inc., Gottwald Foundation, Henley Hardware, Ice Cream Connection, King & Queen County, King William Pharmacy, King William/West Point Litter Prevention Program, Mattaponi Canoe & Kayak, NAPA of King William, NewMarket Services Corporation, Pamunkey Indian Museum, Rainbow Acres Campground, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Rozell's Marine Service & Boat Sales, Scott's Store, Smurfit-Stone, Southern States - King William Branch, The Country Courier, The Monday Club, The Nature Conservancy, Virginia Chapter, Thomas & Green Garden Center, Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District, Tidewater Review, Town of West Point, Tucker's Recreation Park & Marine, Union Bank & Trust Company, USW Local 8-467, Walton Construction Company, West Point Pharmacy, W.F. Parker Oil, York & Small Basin Watershed Roundtable, and York River Realty.

A special thanks to Kitty Cox, Chris Henicheck and MPRA board members who have already put in many hours getting ready for this event. Hope to see everyone there!

## River Rats spend the day on the river

The Hamilton-Holmes Middle School (HHMS) River Rats spent May 27 learning about the river and working on the outdoor classroom at Sandy Point State Forest. HHMS and MPRA got a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to help establish an outdoor classroom at Sandy Point State Forest and take the kids paddling on the river.

“We’ve taken the club fishing on the Mattaponi for two years,” said Audrey Mitchell, MPRA member and one of the club’s sponsors. “Our goal this year was to get the kids on the river to really get their feet wet!”

The students have been learning about the watershed all year and have made tree identification signs for the outdoor classroom at Sandy Point. Garrie Rouse, Brad and Lindsay Davis and Audrey Mitchell paddled from Walkerton to Sandy Point with the students. Other MPRA members Dawn and Randy Shank, Steve Mitchell and Chris Henicheck met the students at Sandy Point where they had lunch, took water quality samples, seined and identified trees and fish at the outdoor classroom.



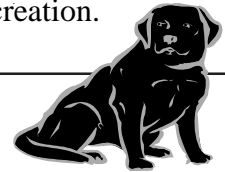
## MPRA members really get into their work.

Here is an MPRA board member installing a spigot inside a rain barrel during the lanscape conservation workshop at the King William Branch of Pamunkey Regional Library. The workshop



was held in partnership with Three Rivers SWCD and the library through a grant from the York River and Small Basin Watershed Roundtable and the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation.

## Chris' Corner



Thanks for coming to the Annual Meeting back in February. We had a great time. Willy Balderson really made history come alive and Gary Heiser’s presentation taught us what the Department of Forestry does to protect the environment. We were pleased to recognize past and current members of the KW Board of Supervisors and some of our generous sponsors at the meeting, as well as MPRA members and groups for their hard work.

I encourage each of you to get more involved in MPRA. It’s a great way to have fun and do something good for the environment. We need new members of all ages and skills.

Individual actions make a big difference. Give a little bit of your time. Get outside, have fun and be part of a great group of people working together for the rivers.

I hope to see you at River Stewardship Day.

**Chris Henicheck**, MPRA President

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Include your name, address, phone, email address and special interest in the river.



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