



Detailed Daily Agenda

JUNE 16-23, 2007
RACCOON RIVER

Saturday, June 16

Whiterock Conservancy River Campground

7:30 am – Early-bird Shuttle departs from Des Moines (Communications Data Services) for pre-AWARE cleanup

- Whiterock Conservancy/Carroll County/Coon Rapids Cleanup starts at 9:30am
- For more information or to register, contact Whiterock Conservancy at (712) 684-2964.

8:30 am – Shuttle departs from Iowa City Oakdale Campus

10:30 am – Main Shuttle departs from Des Moines (Communications Data Services)

- Lunch in Coon Rapids

1:30 pm – Arrive at Whiterock Conservancy River Campground

2:30 – 5:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- Hayrack tours of Whiterock Conservancy – Whiterock Conservancy Staff
- Hiking tours of Whiterock Conservancy – Elizabeth Hill (Whiterock Conservancy)
- Paddling Clinic – Nate Hoogeveen (Iowa DNR Water Trails Program)

3:00 – 5:30 pm – Sign-up/Registration; set up camp

6:00 pm – Dinner at Whiterock Conservancy River Campground

- Welcome, Introduction and Icebreakers
- Relax!

Evening Community Program

7:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *Hiking Iowa: Gems of Iowa's Prairie Potholes and Great Northwest* – Elizabeth Hill
- River Trails – Nate Hoogeveen

Sunday, June 17 (15.11 miles)

Whiterock Conservancy to Springbrook State Park

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at River Campground

8:00 am – Depart from Whiterock Conservancy

½ day point & trash pickup location – N70 (Justice Road) bridge (road right-of-way, river left – north side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:00pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

On River Program – *Hill Prairie Hike* – John Pearson

On River Program – *Moss Madness* – John Pearson & Jim Colbert

Arrive at **Springbrook State Park** (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- Shuttle from access to Springbrook Conservation Education Center
 - Showers, restrooms & beds in dormitories – no camping allowed here
 - Camping available in old group camp area of Springbrook State Park

6:00 pm – Dinner served in Springbrook Conservation Education Center dining hall.



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Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *Geology of the Raccoon River Basin* – Dr. Ray Anderson
- *No Child Left Indoors (Reconnecting Children with Nature)* – Barb Gigar

8:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- Springbrook CEC Educational Opportunities (HACC, OJAY, AWLS, etc.) – Ajay Winter
- *The South Skunk River and Its Navy* – Jim Colbert

Dusk – *Night Fliers* – Daryl Howell

Monday, June 18 (17.21 miles)

McMahon Access to Squirrel Hollow Park

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Springbrook State Park dining hall

8:00 am – **Shuttle** to McMahon Access.

- Two buses from Guthrie Center Schools will meet us in CEC parking lot at 7:50am

On River Program – *Eureka!...a new state preserve!* – John Pearson

½ day point & trash pickup location – Henderson Park (concrete ramp, river left – north side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:00pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

On River Program – Pollywoggin’ for Mussels – Kelly Poole

Arrive at **Squirrel Hollow Park** (concrete ramp, river left, east side of river)

On River Program – Electroshocking demonstration – Greg Gelwicks

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Squirrel Hollow Park

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *Fly Fishing the Raccoon* – Mike Schrader
- *What my farm does to your river and what do you want me to do about it* – Jerry Peckumn

8:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- Flathead Catfish Study in the North Raccoon – Greg Gelwicks
- *Conservation status of freshwater mussels in Iowa* – Kelly Poole

Tuesday, June 19 (20.10 miles)

Squirrel Hollow Park to Perry Boat Ramp

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Squirrel Hollow Park

8:00 am – ½ Group **Depart** from Squirrel Hollow Park (20.5 mile day)

8:30 am – ½ Group **Depart** from Adkins Bridge Access (16.5 mile day)

Support location – Adkins Bridge Access (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

½ day point & trash pickup location – E Lane (**Luke has key**) (sandbar, river left – north side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:30pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

Arrive at **Perry Boat Ramp** (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers to Wiese Park in Perry

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Wiese Park

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm

- “River Awakening” Begins – Dallas Chief Eagle hoop dancing



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Wednesday, June 20 (21.30 miles)

Perry Boat Ramp to Island Park (Adel)

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Wiese Park (Perry)

7:50 am – Two buses from Perry Schools will meet us at Wiese Park

8:00 am – 1/2 Group Shuttle from Wiese Park and depart from Perry Boat Ramp (15 or 21.5 mile day).

- Support & trash pickup location – Spring Valley Access (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

1/2 day & trash pickup location – Snyder Access (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

8:00 am – 1/2 Group Shuttle from Wiese Park and depart from Snyder Access (5 or 11.5 mile day).

On River Program – Sandbar hoop dancing – Dallas Chief Eagle

On River Program – Fish weir presentation – Doug Jones

Support & trash pickup location – Highway 44 Access (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

- Cut-off time: 1:30pm – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

On River Program – Sandbar flute concert – Bryan Akipa

Arrive at Island Park (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Island Park

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *Illegal Dumping - What Is Going On?* – Tom Anderson
- *Wastes-to-Energy* – Allan Goldberg

8:30 pm

- Bryan Akipa Flute Concert

Thursday, June 21

Island Park (Adel) to Booneville Access (15.61 miles)

Alternative Option 1: Stormwater labeling, Bike & Hanging Rock Tours

Alternative Option 2: Build Rain Garden & Prairie Production Plot Tour

6:30 am – Summer Solstice Celebration – *Wild Time!* – Mark Edwards & Chris Adkins

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Island Park (Adel)

8:00 am – Depart from Island Park

- Paddling Option
- Alternative Option 1 – Stormwater labeling & Bike Tour
- Alternative Option 2 – Raingarden & Prairie Production Plot Tour

1/2 day & trash pickup location – Puckerbrush Access (concrete ramp, river left)

- Cut-off time: 1:00pm – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

Arrive at Booneville Access (gravel ramp, river right – west side of river)

- Shuttle from Booneville Access to Trindle Park

4:30 – 7:30pm – Showers available at Van Meter High School

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Trindle Park (Van Meter)

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *History of Des Moines Water Works Water Quality* – Chris Jones
- *AmeriCorps Ecosystems Management – Trails Crew* – Michael Pecenka



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8:30 pm

- Citizen Panel Discussion – Iowa Rivers Revival (Kent Newman), Iowa Whitewater Coalition (John Wenck), Central Iowa Paddlers (Robin Fortney), Skunk River Paddlers (Rick Dietz), The Raccoon River Watershed Association (Mike Delaney)

Dusk – Summer Solstice Celebration – *Wild Time!* – Mark Edwards & Chris Adkins

Friday, June 22 (13.20 miles)

Booneville Access to Walnut Woods State Park

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Trindle Park (Van Meter)

8:15 am – **Shuttle** from Trindle Park and **depart** from Booneville Access.

- Two buses from Van Meter Schools will meet us at 8:05am

No ½ day point & trash pickup location

Support & trash pickup location – Commerce Ledges (rock ramp river right – south side of river)

Arrive at **Walnut Woods State Park** (concrete boat ramp, river right – east side of river)

Onsite Program – *Walnut Woods Wildflower Walk* – John Pearson

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Walnut Woods State Park

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – **Concurrent Sessions**

- *Talkin' Trash... where does all this stuff go?* – David Williamson and Merry Rankin
- *A New Paradigm in Stormwater* – Bill Ehm

8:30 pm – **Concurrent Sessions**

- *Water Quality Program* – Keith Schilling and Calvin Wolter
- Panel Discussion – Soil and Water Conservation Society (Robert Lawson), Iowa Environmental Council (Susan Heathcote), Practical Farmers of Iowa (Teresa Opheim), Department of Natural Resources (Director Richard Leopold)

Saturday, June 23 (8.36 miles)

Walnut Woods State Park to Water Works Park

7:00 am – **Breakfast** at Walnut Woods State Park

8:00 am – **Depart** from Walnut Woods State Park.

On River Program – *Browns Woods Wildflower Walk* – John Pearson

Arrive at Des Moines Water Works Park (concrete boat ramp, river right – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** from boat ramp to celebration location in Gray's Lake Park

noon – 3:00 pm – **Celebratory finale at Gray's Lake Park** (Peninsula)

- **THANK YOU for participating in the 5th Annual Project AWARE!**