



Cumberland River Compact

September Streamlines

E-Newsletter

NEW Cumberland River Compact Website - www.cumberlandrivercompact.org

We are proud to announce that after 6 months of planning and hard work the Compact has a new resource to provide further education about water quality and quantity issues. The site will continue to be a work in progress. Please take a few minutes to explore the new site and send your comments and suggestions along to Brooke Seigle at brookes@cumberlandrivercompact.org.

Dragon Boat and River Festival

The Cumberland River Compact and Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association believe it is safe to say that Nashville is a big fan of Dragon Boat Racing. We didn't really know what people's reactions would be, but it was amazing! The races were super competitive and fun with 35 teams vying for the first place prize. The Spirit Award yielded dancing, hair dye, special t-shirts and even a crayfish hat! The paddlers chanted and their dragon-headed boats cut through the waters in a 250 yard dash to the finish line in three different heats. The Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville "woke up" the dragons with a special acrobatic dance and drumming exhibition in the morning that had children laughing and competitors running to the front row for the best seat. Best of all we got to insert education about how to help water quality in the Cumberland Basin throughout the day! A huge thank you to the Dragon Boat and River Festival's presenting sponsor, **Bridgestone**. If you missed this year's festivities be sure to check the website for next years date.

Partner Spotlight- Bread & Company

Thank you to Bread & Company for supporting the Compact in putting on Nashville's first annual **Dragon Boat Races!** We had 35 teams and over 2,000 people present on August 25th and Bread & Company helped feed and tea **100 volunteers + staff and sponsors attending the day!**

2007 Dragon Boat and River Festival First Place goes to... Huffin' and Puffin' led by Captain Brandon Hammer, aka Papa Puffin'

We've fought a long hard battle to be able to compete in this race. Born in at least 7 different states, it's as if destiny has been pulling these 22 folks together for quite some time. A unique balance of brains & brawn, privileged & deprived, juiced & unjuiced, handsome & downright ugly, these boys and girls were ready to paddle their way to victory. "Pretty much the only thing that stands between us and the finish line is a bunch of water," states Brandon Hammer, leader of the H&P crew. "We could stand here all day and talk strategy but I think it's pretty obvious...it's just paddling a boat!" And that they did! Great job H&P! Be ready to defend your title next year.

2007 Dragon Boat and River Festival Spirit Award goes to...The Marine Titans led by Lysa Rigo

This Ingram Barge-sponsored group was made up of individuals connected to Ingram Barge Company, Trinity, Nabrico and Marine Solutions. The common thread is the Port of Nashville Propeller Club, an organization which promotes the local maritime industry and educates legislators and the public as to the importance of waterborne commerce. Way to go, Marine Titans!

Cumberland River Compact in the News- Check Us Out!

<http://www.wkrn.com/nashville/news/paddlers-compete-in-nashvilles-first-dragon-boat-and-river-festival/114569.htm>

<http://www.rctimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070826/ENTERTAINMENT05/708260380/1005/MTCN0303>

Downstream Ecological Affects of the Fish and Wildlife Regarding the Wolf Creek Dam Project

Water Quality Advisory Committee Meeting

When: Thursday, September 27, 2007 from 10am - 12pm

Where: Ellington Agriculture Center - Holeman Building - Large Conference Room

Speaker: John Williams, Southeastern Fishery District Biologist, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

Resources

Topic: Downstream Ecological Affects of Fish and Wildlife Regarding the Wolf Creek Dam Project

Rain Barrel Workshop at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

The 15 available slots filled quickly for the Compact's first ever Rain Barrel Workshop. Project Blue Streams partnered with Metro Parks and the Nature Center to host a rain barrel making workshop at the Shelby Community Gardens on August 18. The cost was \$25.00 - far below market price for a rain barrel - and participants assembled their barrel, learned a little about barrels and became part of a growing number of folks slowing the flow of storm water into our beautiful Cumberland River and her tributaries. Demand for this workshop was incredible - another one is scheduled for September 29, 2007 at the Park Avenue Community Garden. Call the Nature Center to reserve your spot at 615-352-6299.

Summary of Ecological Conditions on the Cumberland River Mainstem Downstream of Wolf Creek Dam

A new environmental education partnership will form on The Compact's website in a few weeks. With all the news of Wolf Creek Dam and flooding concerns, Compact Member John Clay and Board Member Courtney Masters asked the question, "*What's happening with the ecology of the river?*" The answer came in the form of the Compact, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers deciding that the best way to get the information to the public would be to house updates on the Cumberland River Compact's new website. In our offices the updates will be assembled at three key times of year for the river (Spring, Summer, and Fall), double checked by Team Members, and then posted on our new website www.CumberlandRiverCompact.org. The goal of this summary will be to communicate current environmental conditions while encouraging long-term partnerships between these fine agency partners.

Tip of the Month

Time your shower to keep it under five minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons a month and turn off the water while you brush your teeth, shave and lather your hands. You can save four gallons a minute.

Upcoming Events

September 27 - Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting

September 29- Rain Barrel Workshop at Park Avenue Community Garden

October 11th- Fall Board Meeting and Blue Heron Cruise

October 16th- Creating Sustainable Landscapes Seminar (LOC/BOB partner program) at MTSU's Keathley University Theater

To register or for more information about these or other events, contact us at info@cumberlandrivercompact.org.

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