



MARYS RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

JUNE 2007

AN EDUCATIONAL PADDLE TRIP ON THE WILLAMETTE RIVER SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD 9:00 A.M.

Travel by canoe, kayak, or raft with resource professionals and learn about the Willamette River. This trip between Peoria and Corvallis will provide education about fish, wildlife, water quality, combined sewer outfalls, geomorphology, ornithology, the history of the Willamette River and other topics.

Participation is limited to 50 – so reserve your space soon by calling Amy Morrison at Willamette Riverkeeper at 503-223-6418 or send e-mail to: amy@willamette-riverkeeper.org.

Co-sponsored by Marys River Watershed Council, Willamette Riverkeepers, Willamette Kayak & Canoe Club, City of Corvallis, Oregon Trout and Free Spirit Rivers.

See enclosed flyer for more information.

JUNE 6TH WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING

7-9 pm - Philomath City Hall - 980 Applegate St.

Newton Creek Restoration Project A Presentation by **Philomath High School Ecology Students**

At 6:30 we will have a brief tour of the restoration site - meet at the red caboose on the east end of Philomath - followed by the student presentation and regular meeting at Philomath City Hall.

Steering Committee Member Election:

Nominee: Wayne Phillips, woodland owner

Coordinator & Committee Reports

Overview of May 2, 2007 Watershed Council Meeting

Held at the Walnut Community Room in Corvallis

Guest Speaker: Travis Williams, Executive Director of the Willamette Riverkeepers (WRK), a non-profit group of the National Riverkeeper Association. The mission of the WRK is to improve the health of the river in accordance with the clean water act of 1972. He talked about some of the key issues concerning the 187 mile long river, which begins at Waldo Lake in the Cascades at 5,412 ft. and showed a photo tour of the river. The Willamette is a dynamic system, with channel changes, and much use for gravel extraction and industry. WRK focuses on restoration of the riparian to decrease river temperatures, as well as reconnecting side channels, habitat loss, and non-point source pollution. Portland has been successful with sewer improvements to minimize overflow during winter/spring. The Willamette River has 5,000 acres of water trail and greenway parks.

Photo preview of upcoming paddle trip on the Willamette, on Saturday, June 23rd. Amy Schoener showed photos from her recent kayak trip with Sylvia Yamada and Bill Pearcy. The trip took about 3 hrs and was surprisingly picturesque!

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

"Without prompt and vigorous action, knotweed will take over entire riverbanks, displace native habitat, and damage the scenic and recreational quality of Northwest rivers." The Nature Conservancy

Knotweed is extremely persistent and does not respond to mowing or cutting. Because of knotweed's tremendous ability to resprout following cutting, successful control usually requires herbicides. Only use herbicides approved for use near water - check with your local extension agent about proper, safe and legal use of herbicides. Stems or root fragments left on moist soil, in the river or in compost will regrow!

Japanese Knotweed is known to occur in Woods Creek drainage - please help remove it and prevent it's spread.



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