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Celebrate River Month on the West Branch Susquehanna River Sojourn

In honor of River Month, the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is hosting the 2011 West Branch Susquehanna River Sojourn on Saturday, June 25. This one day educational paddle trip will launch from Jersey Shore and dock 10 miles downstream at Haywood's On The Water Bar and Grill, next to the Linden boat access. Following the paddle an evening celebration of the river is planned with dinner, local music from Grass Stained Genes, and other river-related programming.

Pennsylvania's river sojourns are a national model for connecting people to their natural environment in a fun and educational way. The purpose of this "floating classroom" is to raise awareness about the natural and cultural resources of the West Branch, promote public access to these resources, and encourage stewardship of the watershed. The Sojourn will inspire participants to care about the river, and become advocates for the Susquehanna Greenway – the longest greenway in the state!



The 10 mile route passes through calm water and is perfect for a first-time paddler, families with children, youth groups, or anyone looking to refresh their boating skills.

Registration cost is \$80 for adults and \$50 for children under 12 years old. The full registration includes professional guide service, insurance, shuttle, sojourn t-shirt, water bottle, educational speakers, boxed lunch, celebration dinner with evening programs and entertainment. Discounts are available for SGP and American Canoe Association members.



For those who do not wish to paddle, but still want to join the dinner celebration at Haywood's on the Water, the cost is \$25 for adults and \$13 for children under 12.

Registration forms are available online at www.susquehannagreenway.org, or by calling Erin Pierce at (570) 522-7244. The registration deadline is June 10.

Participation is limited to 100 canoes and kayaks. Paddlers must provide their own boat and gear. Rental information for local outfitters is available on the SGP website. All boats must be registered with the PA Fish and Boat Commission. River guides from *Canoe Susquehanna* of Lewisburg will direct the Sojourn, provide safety instruction, and help participants navigate the river.



If your organization would like to get involved or be a sojourn sponsor please contact Erin Pierce at epierce@susquehannagreenway.org.

The Sojourn is partially funded by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers. To learn more about the other sojourns that are happening on other rivers across the state please visit the POWR website at: www.pawatersheds.org

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