

Weather could be damp for Saturday's River Fest activities

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The weather could put a damper on outdoor plans for Saturday.

The National Weather Service is calling for showers throughout the day, with chance of rain at around 70 percent.

"Saturday's going to be pretty unsettled. There's a cold front crossing the area," said National Weather Service meteorologist Craig Evanego.

Highs for the day will be in the low 70s.

"While the temperature is pretty mild, it looks fairly wet," Evanego said. Though rain is predict-

ed intermittently throughout the day, skies should clear for Sunday. The forecast for the day is partly sunny, with possible lingering showers in the morning and highs in the low to mid 70s.

"It's the drier of the two days," Evanego said.

Sunday looks to be the better day of the weekend for outdoor activities, he said.

For those who want to take their chances with the rain, the Susquehanna Greenway Bicycle and River Fest will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the South Williamsport Sports Park.

The event will be held rain or shine, according to Susquehanna Greenway Partnership member and Volunteer Coordinator Bridget Kane. In the event of severe weather, the festival will be rescheduled for Sunday.

Kane is looking on the bright side and said she is crossing her fingers that the chance of precipitation goes down.

The river fest will feature live music from Pepper Street Band, a variety of vendors, kid's bike derby and a bicycle scavenger hunt. The festival is free and open to the public, while registered participants can take part

in the bike derby and scavenger hunt.

The activities also will allow participants to learn about the natural and cultural history of the area as they ride through the scavenger hunt.

Those who register for the special events will receive a free meal provided by Hillside Catering, a T-shirt, a water bottle and entry into a raffle to win a free helmet and bicycle, Kane noted.

As this is the first time the event is being held, Kane isn't sure what to expect but hopes to see many people come out to enjoy the day.

"We hope everybody

just comes out and has a good time and learns a little about bike and pedestrian safety," she said.

The river fest is designed not only to provide a fun day for the family but also to raise awareness of the work the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership does and to educate attendees of bicycle and pedestrian safety, encouraging happy, healthy lifestyles, Kane said.

This knowledge will be passed on through demonstrations throughout the day. Healthy snacks will be provided.

Kane hopes that registration will be about 100

▶ IF YOU GO

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▶ **WHEN:** 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday

▶ **WHERE:** South Williamsport Sports Park

people, with at least triple that number attending the festival itself.

More information on the event can be found at www.SusquehannaGreenway.org.

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