

# **Education & Outreach**









# **Calling all Photographers!**

Enter the 9th Annual Photo Contest

Show us your Susquehanna! What Susquehanna River Town or special scene do you treasure? Submit your original photographs and share your stories in our annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest! Deadline for Submissions is June 30, 2020.

This year's categories include Landscapes, Wildlife, Susquehanna Adventures, and River Towns. Cash Prizes will be awarded in each Category: \$150/ \$100/ \$50.

To enter, click the button below. Be sure to review our <u>Contest Rules</u> before submitting your photos.

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# It's National Photography Month! Check out these Top Photo Locations



Grab your cameras and get out on the Greenway! May is National Photography month, and the 9th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest is well underway. Couple that with the awakening of Spring along the Susquehanna and there's no denying any excuse to get outside and take some photos.

## **Reserve your spot NOW!**

Susquehanna Float & Films: August 8, 2020

Kayak on the Susquehanna River & watch the best of international paddling films during the Susquehanna Float & Films two-part event on Saturday, August 8th, 2020.

Part 1 begins at Milton State Park, where participants will launch into the West Branch Susquehanna River and float a few miles down to Lewisburg, enjoying the ecology and wildlife of the river along the way.

After a light lunch, part 2 of Float & Films begins at the Lewisburg Campus Theatre where we will be showcasing worldwide paddling films from the 2020 World Tour Paddling Film Festival.

Guests may sign up for whichever part of the day they wish to join: just the float, just the films, or both the float and the films. Due to the unique and changing circumstances of COVID-19, we are allowing participants to secure their spot/seat in advance with a \$5 deposit. Click below for more details.

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# **Trails**

## **Calling All Water Trail Enthusiasts**

SGP is seeking Water Trail Volunteers for 2020 Paddling Season

With the launch of our Water Trail Steward Program in 2019, we have already seen so many great volunteers step forward to help us manage our beautiful water trails along the West Branch and lower North Branch of the Susquehanna River Water Trail.

In 2020, we are sending out another call for volunteers to join the ranks! SGP needs your help evaluating water trail access sites in Milton, Danville, Riverside, and Northumberland. Training will be provided.

Not sure where to start? Click below for some favorite photo spots in the Susquehanna Greenway.

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# Call for Board Members Join SGP's Board of Directors



SGP is currently accepting applications to join our Board of Directors. If you are committed to seeing our Susquehanna region grow through parks, trails, thriving communities, and outdoor recreation pursuits, we would love to hear from you!

Directors play a valuable role in the helping SGP achieve its vision. Our volunteer board has been the strategic heart of our organization, ensuring our important work is implemented, that we deliver real results, and respond to needs within our Susquehanna communities and among our network of partners.

We are currently looking for applicants within the Central Confluence Region which covers Clinton, Lycoming, Union, Northumberland, Snyder, Montour, and Columbia counties.

If you, or someone you know, are interested, please contact SGP's Executive Director, Corey Ellison, at <a href="mailto:cellison@susquehannagreenway.org">cellison@susquehannagreenway.org</a>. Click below to view our current board members.

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Stewards must be willing to commit to three, 30-minute site visits during the 2020 paddling season which runs from April - September 2020. Click below for more information on the position.

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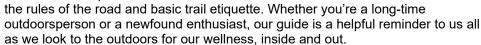
## **River Towns**

## **Recreating in our River Towns**

Rules of the Road & Trail Etiquette

During this time of social distancing and COVID-19, outdoor activities like walking, running, hiking, and biking have become essential to our physical and mental health. From unique neighborhoods and trails, to parks and state forests, the Susquehanna Greenway has plenty to entertain you during this time of social distancing.

As we explore the outdoors, however, it is important to know



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## **Partner News**

## Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper

2020 Floating Classroom series on the Hiawatha

The 2020 Floating Classroom series, conducted by the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association aboard the Hiawatha Riverboat in Williamsport, will tentatively start in mid-June, depending on what COVID-19 restrictions are in place

#### It's National Bike Month!

A Great Time to #GetOutontheGreenway



May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the <u>League of American Bicyclists</u> and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

There are plenty of parks, trails, and neighborhoods in the Susquehanna Greenway for getting your bike on! For more information about how to celebrate click below.

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#### **Community Roots Program** Seedling Orders for 2021 Now Open



Trees for a cleaner, greener future

PPL Electric Utilities' popular Community Roots tree program opened for orders for 2021 on Earth Day, April 22, 2020. PPL will provide funding for a limited quantity of bare root, container and gallon pot seedlings to schools (4th grade), county and local governments (for public land/public use), and environmentally-focused groups. Eligible groups can place orders by clicking below. Community

at that time. If the restrictions continue into June, sessions will be postponed until state and local guidelines allow. Click below to see the tentative schedule for some exciting programs!

SGP is excited to be involved with the Safety on the Susquehanna session scheduled for July 28, 2020.



Roots has distributed more than 80,000 free trees since it launched in fall 2017.

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# **Lumber Heritage Region**

Get Your Selfie Game On

Families and individuals love taking photographs of themselves in areas of natural beauty and interest. But often it is almost impossible to find a steady location or to know where the best shot is. Lumber Heritage Region (LHR) has created a solution: smiles and selfie sticks at the ready!



Follow the totems around the LHR to complete the LHR Wayfinding Trail.

They've picked out the most interesting attractions in each of their 15 counties, so you can take sensational selfies to make your Facebook friends jealous. Plus, you can enter your photo into LHR's Selfie Trail Contest, beginning on June 1, 2020! Click below to learn more.



#### **WalkWorks**

Get Funding from the PA Department of Health

WalkWorks, an initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is pleased to announce its fourth round of grant assistance to advance policy development related to active transportation, and increasing walking and expanding walkable communities across Pennsylvania. A non-mandatory webinar on May 14, 2020 will highlight aspects of the Funding Opportunity. Applications must be received by July 2, 2020, with recipients being notified on or after September 3, 2020.



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#### **Hooray for Bike Safety!**

A Big Thank You to Lancaster Bicycle Club



SGP has been awarded a mini grant from Lancaster Bicycle Club for the design and production of a safety sticker that will illustrate the 4-foot distance that should be kept between cars and cyclists by law. Way to go, LBC, for supporting bike safety! Click below to learn more about the Lancaster Bicycle Club Grant Program.

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#### **Find Trails Near You!** Visit our Trails page



Get out on the Greenway and explore! Visit our Trails page to find opportunities for walking and hiking near you.

### **Pennsylvania Environmental Council**

Apply for the PA Water Trails Mini Grant

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) is accepting applications for projects on designated PA Water Trails that will increase physical and/or psychological access to our gorgeous waterways here in the Commonwealth. This year's application will close on July 3rd, and PEC should let you know if



your project is funded by July 31. You can apply for funding up to \$5,000, with a 1:1 match. Grant recipients DO NOT have to be the Water Trail management organization. Eligible projects are any that occur on a designated water trail. Click below to apply.

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#### About the SGP



The mission of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is to envision, create and sustain a greenway along the Susquehanna River to enhance river towns and the lives of current and future generations.





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