



## Let's Break A Few More Records!

### Ask a Friend For a High \$5, Let's Make 50 New Friends!

Tomorrow is the BIG DAY...

#### LOWCOUNTRY GIVING DAY 2016!

You are receiving this email because you are a member of our organization or you have some interest in our work. It is your volunteer hours, donations, sponsorships, and membership dues that provide the resources that makes our work possible. It is also your passion and commitment to the rivers that inspires us to tirelessly pursue our mission protecting clean water for this entire community.

As the Waccamaw Riverkeeper with Winyah Rivers Foundation, I am personally asking you to **DONATE NOW** and to ask your friends to do the same.

Support our efforts to protect clean water and healthy communities, ask a friend for a

### Let's Talk Trash...

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Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER®'s Adopt-A-Landing Program Broke Records! The works of nearly 100 volunteers resulted in 10,000 pounds of discarded waste being picked up during our [Clean Up Our Local Waterways 2016](#) initiative and we are still not done!

The Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER®, iHeart Media, Conway Parks & Recreation, Coastal Carolina University's Faculty & Students, Ripley's Aquarium's Conservation Team, Gator Bait Adventure Tours, Black River Outdoors Center, Sierra Club's Winyah Group and a multitude of eager volunteers came together to help pick up litter, trash and flood debris.

Efforts this year were focused on the public landings along the Waccamaw River and surrounding wetlands most heavily hit by this Fall's flooding. Between J. Todd Landing & Cox Ferry almost 4,000 pounds of trash was

high \$5. We're seeking 50 new donors / friends to give us \$5 so we can achieve an incredible incentive (read below).

*"The Bunnelle Foundation is proud to announce additional incentive opportunities for Lowcountry Giving Day! We will award a monetary prize for the winner in each of the following categories.:*

- Most new donors in first 8 hours*
- Largest online contribution*
- Minimum donation of \$100 from all board members on Giving Day*
- Largest number of online donors*
- Organization that receives gifts from at least fifty new donors"*

Last year on Lowcountry Giving Day we were emboldened by the outpouring of support. We raised more than \$20,000 dollars. Let's unite and do this again! Help us beat last year and let's unite together and raise \$25,000 for Lowcountry Giving Day.

Our work is made possible by your support. We work for you, protecting your waters. Show us that the rivers and what we do matters to you. Help us break more records!

Volunteers are the back-bone of our Waccamaw Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program and our RIVERKEEPER Adopt-A-Landing Program. These programs allow us to have eyes and ears and hands from Lake Waccamaw all the way to Winyah Bay.

This day is about rallying people behind a cause that is important in this community. Our mission is protecting the natural environmental resources that are essential to who we are and what we do.

You don't have to wait until tomorrow. Pledge your support right now at [www.lowcountrygivingday.org](http://www.lowcountrygivingday.org) (search Winyah Rivers

collected. Additionally, Keep Horry County Beautiful coordinated several community cleanups between 4/16- 4/22 with over 200 volunteers and 16,520 pounds of trash collected!

*"This was my first time participating in a cleanup event, and while the amount of trash is disturbing, the enthusiasm and eagerness to improve the cleanliness of the river that the volunteers displayed is a testament to the heart of the people who love this river,"* said a local student from Coastal Carolina University.

*"I want to thank all the volunteers and the folks from the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program who gave up their Saturday morning to come clean our backyard wetlands. We're still recovering from the flood and we're so thankful to you all,"* said Lynn Cox a local resident whose home flooded on three separate occasions this fall.

*"Once again, the community came out to support this event and we were able to pick up a record amount of garbage and debris"* said Emma Boyer, the Waccamaw Riverkeeper.

This has been a great initiative that truly demonstrates how community efforts matter in keeping our rivers swimmable, drinkable and fishable for our families and our future. We hope all our volunteers, Adopt-A-Landing adopters, program sponsors and the community will join us for one last cleanup and celebration, let's talk trash at the Trash Bash!

#### **Trash Bash**

**May 7, 2016 11 am to 4 pm**

**The Boathouse Bar and Grill on the Waterway in Myrtle Beach**

**Check-in begins at 10 am at the Boathouse Bar and Grill**

**Clean-up hours are from 11 am to 2 pm (supplies will be provided)**

Volunteers have the opportunity to win great raffle prizes like one night accommodation in Atlanta, GA with a VIP tour for four through SweetWater Brewing Company, a pair of 2016 CCMF tickets, restaurant certificates, lunch from the Bar B Que House and more! Everyone who participates in a clean-up is invited to attend a free concert that day!

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## **Celebrating 15 Years of Protecting Clean Water**

2001 to 2016...that's how long we've been educating and advocating to protect our local rivers and clean water.

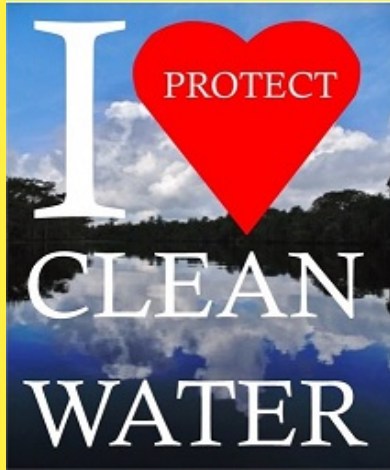
And we've accomplished a lot, with the generous support of our members, donors, and volunteers:

- promoting land conservation including ownership of a 462 acre property on the Black River that will be developed into coastal South Carolina's first public-use community forest
- administering a bi-state volunteer water quality monitoring effort on the Waccamaw
- engaging the community in river cleanups and the RIVERKEEPER® Adopt-a-Landing program
- successfully convincing Santee Cooper and Duke Energy to clean up its coal ash on the Waccamaw and Lumber Rivers, respectively
- establishing the nationally recognized Waccamaw River Blue Trail
- promoting youth stewardship opportunities through our

Foundation).

Or **text** the word PROTECT to 33923.

Or donate at [www.winyahivers.org](http://www.winyahivers.org).



RIVERKEEPER® Challenge

- addressing pollution from river shacks through the enactment of SC legislation
- fighting back the regional landfill proposed for the Green Swamp

We proudly show up, stand up and speak up for protection of our local rivers and the communities, both human and natural, that rely on them.

Click the banner picture above to view our video.

Learn more at [www.winyahivers.org](http://www.winyahivers.org).

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## Our May Calendar

May 6 - [Photo Contest Awards Ceremony](#)

May 7 - [Trash Bash @ The Boathouse](#)

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