



The Ochsenbeins and friends cleaning up Kingston Lake March 22nd

April is Zero Tolerance for litter month and the Riverkeeper has two cleanup events this month. Keep an eye on Keep Horry County Beautiful for other events as well.

#### Did you know?

Volunteers sample **water quality** in the Waccamaw River 2x a month. RIVERKEEPER® Adopt-a-Landing groups **keep boat landings clean**. RIVERKEEPER® Challenge educates youth on water quality. The Waccamaw River is a **National Water Trail**. Come paddle with us. **Polluted runoff** affects our river but we can prevent it.

#### New Riverkeeper Learning Fast

Paula took over the helm in January and has been getting to know everyone involved in Winyah Rivers Foundation and taking part in many festivals for the past few months. Come out and meet her at one of the upcoming events.

#### Myrtle Beach Discount Cards

We are now selling discount cards good through 2014 at several area restaurants and attractions. Cards are \$20/each and WRF gets \$10/card.

### Upcoming Events—more details at [www.winyahrivers.org](http://www.winyahrivers.org)

#### April 19th - River Cleanup—come cleanup our river

Meet at Conway Marina at 9am and stick around after the cleanup for MusicFest at Riverfront Park where the Riverkeeper will have an information table.

#### April 22nd - Party for the Planet—Ripley's Aquarium

The Riverkeeper will have a table to help educate children and families about the Waccamaw and the important role we all play in protecting it.

#### April 22nd - Earth Day Film Festival—Tara Theater, Litchfield Beach

Chirping Bird Society and SCUTE (Turtle enthusiast group) will show a film focusing on the impacts of plastic waste and then have a speaker from a nearby turtle hospital.

#### April 26th - River Cleanup—come cleanup our river

Come on out to Chris Anderson Landing at 9am. These are back to back, but we would love as much help at each as possible. Dale Stevens is organizing this cleanup which will include lunch afterwards made my Recolla Stevens.

#### April 26th - Earth Day Celebration—Unity Church Surfside Beach

Another Earth focused event, Riverkeeper will be the last speaker from 2:15-2:45pm.

#### May 3rd - Blessing of the Inlet—Belin Memorial United Methodist Church, Murells Inlet

The Riverkeeper will have a table with general info.

**Check our calendar or call for details.**

## A Message from the Waccamaw Riverkeeper

### What does 2014 hold?

We will work tirelessly to **investigate pollution**, seek a solution to **eliminate pollution sources and threats to our local rivers** and take legal action only when necessary to **enforce clean water laws**. We look forward to continuing to work for you as we grow our current programs and strengthen our influence at the grassroots level and with local decision makers.

A note from the new Riverkeeper:

"I am looking forward to working with all of you to protect the Waccamaw and the Winyah Bay watershed. I am learning quickly and am excited to get out on the water more now that Spring is here. Please stop by the office or at a festival to introduce yourself as I know how much I will rely on you (the members and volunteers) to help be my eyes and ears on the river. Thank you for your support over the years and let's work together to make the organization and program even better".

[www.winyahrivers.org](http://www.winyahrivers.org).

**Because of you we will continue to make a difference!**

We appreciate any donation you can afford to grow our programs and help ensure you continue to have an advocate championing your right to clean water. Give the gift of clean water this holiday season. Go online at [winyahrivers.org](http://winyahrivers.org) or mail your contribution to: Winyah Rivers Foundation, Inc.  
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On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, I want to express my deepest gratitude and thanks for donating your money, time and energy to ensuring our success. **Thank you for your support!**

**Best wishes for a Happy Easter and a beautiful Spring!**

*Paula*