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Wade In + Report Card Launch, Water Trail Opening, Outreach Events, and Meet the Monitor

W00t and woohoo! We will be launching the 2010 Nanticoke River Report Card at our annual Wade In on Tuesday, July 12. (Yes, this is a Creekwatchers sampling day, but since you'll be up early taking samples, you might as well make it a Creekwatchers day!) The Wade In will take place from 12:00-2:00 PM at the [Cedar Hill Marina](#) in lovely Bivalve, Maryland.

Along with the wading in and report card launch, the Community Foundation of Eastern Shore will be presenting us with our Community Needs "check" (for a multi-partner program called Lilypad--you'll read more about that in the future), the MCC will be offering Scales and Tails programs for the kids, and Adrenaline High will have kayaks on hand.

But wait--there's more! I also plan to have CREEKWATCHER CAPS that day.

Please join us (and bring friends and/or family!) on Tuesday, July 12 for a truly monumental Wade In and Report Card Launch!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Beth Wasden'.

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Nanticoke River Water Trail Opening

[DNREC will be officially launching](#) the Nanticoke River Water Trail during Riverfest on July 9. The ceremony is expected to last 45 minutes to an hour, and DNREC would also like to invite Creekwatchers and Nanticoke River supporters to paddle the river following the ceremony.

Bryan Burkholder at Ace Hardware in Seaford has offered to allow usage of two of his

Dates to remember:

June 25: Nanticoke River Jamboree at the Handsell House
July 8: Georgetown Farmers Market
July 9: Seaford Riverfest
July 12: Wade-in and Annual Report Card Launch at Cedar Hill Marina

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rental kayaks for the event. These are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please let me know if you are interested in borrowing.

If you have your own boat, you can launch on your own. I'm trying to facilitate some group paddling in conjunction with the Power Squadron, but I do not have details yet. I'll send out an update in an upcoming sampling period reminder email or in a single email as needed.

Reaching Out for Some Outreach Help

We have some pretty big outreach events coming up over the next couple of weeks. If you're available and willing to sign up for at least one two-hour shift, please let me know. Specifically, we need help at the Nanticoke River Jamboree at the Handsell House (a couple of miles from our office) and the Riverfest in Seaford. Both events are anticipated to be high-traffic, and we expect a number of families to visit our booth. (That means fish printing and energetic jibber-jabber skills are in high demand!)

Saturday, June 25: Nanticoke River Jamboree at the Handsell House
8:00 AM-5:30 PM (includes time to setup and breakdown)

Directions: <http://nanticokeriverjamboree.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/jamboree-map.jpg>

Saturday, July 9: Seaford Riverfest
9:00 AM-6:00 PM

More information forthcoming after we receive our site assignment.

Call or email me to volunteer for these events!

Meet the Monitor: John King

John King's one of our stalwart bridge testers in Delaware. He's also a member of the [Nanticoke Watershed Preservation Group](#). Continue reading to learn more about John, the NWPG, and some fantastic Nanticoke activities!



1. How long have you been a Creekwatcher? I've been monitoring my site since the start of the second year of the program.

2. What's an interesting thing about your site?



Even though the site (GRBR1) is non-tidal the water level and current varies with the amount of rainfall falling on the upstream watershed.



Where's your favorite spot on the Nanticoke or in the Nanticoke watershed, and why?

The Nanticoke River upstream of Middleford. The water is shallow, fairly clear, and it has a lot interesting twists and turns that make for a pleasant ride in a small boat.

4. What's your favorite Nanticoke-related activity?

Fishing for shad during the spring run. They put up a great fight on light tackle.

5. What do you recommend that visitors do on the Nanticoke and where?

Check out the bald eagles near where the Marshyhope Creek meets the Nanticoke.

6. Is there anything you'd like to add or share with your fellow Creekwatchers?

Tom Darby has created a new website for our group (NWPG). [Check it out!](#)

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