

March 2017 Newsletter

Falls of the James Group

Sierra Club

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UPCOMING SPRING MEETINGS



March 14, 2017 Meeting
"Ridin' Along with GRTC"
7:00 at Science Museum of Virginia

Carrie Rose Pace, *Director of Communications at GRTC as well as a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist, will address the role of public transit in combatting climate change, with special emphasis on the Richmond area. Her background allows her to view public transit from both the transit and the science perspective. Carrie Rose Pace's knowledge and enthusiasm will make for a lively and entertaining evening.*

April 11, 2017 Meeting
"Climate Connections in Virginia: Strategies for Resiliency in a Changing Climate"
7:00 Science Museum of Virginia



Dr. Jeremy Hoffman, *Science Museum of Virginia Climate and Earth Science Specialist*, will give guests an in-depth look at what climate change is, how it's happening, its impacts and how we can adapt.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BIG YARD SALE MAY 19-20

You won't believe the amount of things we sell at the FOJG-UR Big Yard Sale!

Join the volunteer team that makes it all happen--**especially needed on Monday, May 15**--but other dates too!

Sign up here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RLi1Bb1zTkXlvAxT2>.

OUTING: CAT POINT CREEK KAYAK TRIP **SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

A kayak trip to Cat Point Creek in the Northern Neck Peninsula is set for April 1. This trip will be 3½ to 4 hours long and begin at 9:00.

Cat Point Creek, starting at Menokin, is a winding, pristine creek which flows into the Rappahannock River. We will see osprey and eagles, as well as get information about the ecology, history, and conservation of the area from our guide, Richard Moncure, waterman and River Keeper with Friends of the Rappahannock group. Single and double kayaks and equipment will be

provided by Virginia Outdoor Center.

Cost is \$35 per person, with a 20-person limit. If interested, contact Shavon Peacock at shavonandrew@verizon.net or 804-320-2318, who will tell you more about the trip including historic Menokin, the launch point.

See this link for a map of Cat Point Creek water trail.

http://www.northernneck.org/MAPS/rc_cat_point_creek_water_trail_guide_web.pdf

Information about Menokin is at <http://www.menokin.org/>

OUTING: JAMES RIVER BALD EAGLE TOUR SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Bring your binoculars to view bald eagles -- and many other birds -- from a boat on the James River. The two-hour boat tour will focus on the resident bald eagles who live near Henricus Park throughout the year. The James River is the site of an amazing comeback of bald eagle populations -- from none 40 years ago to over 260 pairs in 2016. In addition you will surely see a myriad of other birds and wildlife, a testimony to the environmental riches of the James River.



On this two-hour eagle tour with other FOJG members, you will ride aboard the *Discovery Barge II*, a 24-foot covered pontoon boat. Two tours are from 7:00-9:00am and 9:30-11:30am. Each tour can take up to 6 people. Cost is \$50 per person. Tours depart from Deep Bottom Park in Varina at 9525 Deep Bottom Rd. If interested, contact Capt. Mike Ostrander at Mike@DiscovertheJames.com or 804-938-2350.

To view his website, go to www.DiscovertheJames.com

LECTURE AND FIELD TRIP SATURDAY, APRIL 8

The **Hungary Creek Stream Restoration Project** restored 1750 ft. of Hungary Creek, eliminating eroded stream banks and creating a floodplain to stop further erosion. Join the SC-FOJG in checking how the project has fared in its first year. Meet at the **Meeting Room in the Tuckahoe Library, 1901 Starling Drive, Henrico, at 9 AM, Saturday April 8th** for a lecture followed by a field trip to the site. Use the "[Get Involved](#)" link to register for this outing. Contact Gill Sigmon for more details gill.sigmon1@gmail.com



Eroded Stream Bed

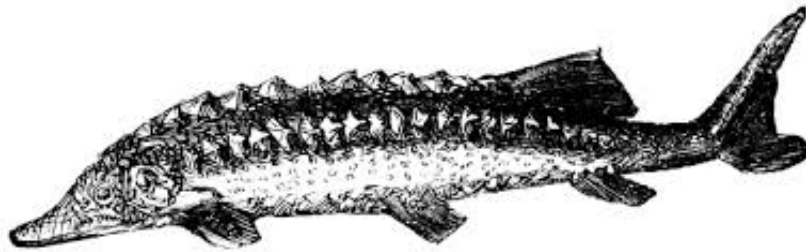


New Floodplain

OUTING: STURGEON TOUR ON THE JAMES RIVER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 5:00-7:30

Plan ahead for FOJG's fall boat tour to see the sturgeon as they return to the James River for their fall spawning run.

Tour by "Discover the James." Cost: \$55/person; 28 places available; deadline for reservations is August 25. If interested, email Capt. Mike Ostrander at mike@DiscovertheJames.com or visit the website www.DiscovertheJames.com.



2017 Spring Schedule

Mar.14 -- Meeting (above): "Ridin' Along with GRTC" Carrie Rose Pace, speaker

April 1 -- Kayak Trip (see above)

April 2 -- James River Eagle Tour (see above)

April 8 -- Speaker and Outing on Watershed Restoration (see above)

April 11 - Meeting (above): "Strategies for Resiliency in a Changing Climate" Jeremy Hoffman, speaker

April 16 - Sierra Club Booth at Monument Avenue Easter Parade. To volunteer contact Joe Broncolli: omethid@hotmail.com

April 22 -- Scientists' March for Science on Earth Day in DC <https://www.marchforscience.com/> FOJG Contact – Gill Sigmon: gilsigmon2@gmail.com

April 23 - Earth Day w/ NPR / Community Idea Stations – 1:00-5:00 <http://ideastations.org/explore-outdoors/> Volunteer with State Chapter Lead - Mary-Stuart Torbeck: mary-stuart.torbeck@sierraclub.org

April 29 -- People's Climate March, Washington, DC. Sierra Club bus-\$30. Sign up by clicking calendar tab at <http://www.sierraclub.org/virginia/>

May 19-20--Big Yard Sale. Volunteers needed (see above). Put dates on your calendar now and volunteer [HERE!](#)

June 13 -- Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Needed: FoJG representative at Sierra Club VAChapter Executive Committee meetings in Charlottesville – Sat. 3/11, Sat. 6/10, Sat. 9/9, Sat. 12/9, 10:00-3:00. Interested? Contact Daryl: dtdowning@comcast.net.

Get involved! Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the programs and activities of the Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group.

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- **Communications Committee** comprises Enews, Website, Publicity and Social Media.
- **Conservation & Advocacy Committee** comprises Conservation, Legislative/Political, Pollinators, Bike/Ped. Meets 4th Wed. each month.
- **Membership Engagement Committee** comprises Membership, Programs, Outings, and Fundraising.

New members welcome.

Interested? Contact Gil

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