Have a wonderful day on the river and help clean it. This year’s Susquehanna River Cleanup will be held on Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We'll meet at Blue Mountain Outfitters in Marysville at 8:30 a.m. and plan to enter the river about 9. Bring your own canoe if possible. If needed, canoes will be provided. PFDs, gloves and trash bags are provided as well. Prior to departure, Gene Wingert, conservationist and Dickinson College biologist, will give a short introduction to river ecology and the day's adventure ahead. We'll work on cleaning the river from Marysville to West Fairview focusing on the islands along the way. We'll get to West Fairview between noon and 1 p.m., where we'll have lunch and drinks provided by the Sierra Club. Gene will then give a 20-minute presentation focusing on the river and its challenges with questions welcomed. We'll all then be transported back to Blue Mountain and call it a day. For more information or to register for this outing, email Robin Broderick at Rbroderick1@email.com or call 717-221-8590.
Stop Corbett’s Plan To Drill Our Parks and Forests

People who love our beautiful state parks and forests are alarmed by Governor Corbett's plan to open these public lands up for gas drilling. In February, Corbett announced his goal to raise $75 million from a new round of gas leasing as a way to balance his state budget. The gas drillers already have the right to drill in 700,000 acres of our state forests. To make matters worse, Corbett wants to open up state parks to gas drilling for the first time in history.

Drilling causes air, water and noise pollution. It destroys important wildlife habitat. Drilling interferes with all other uses of our public lands, including hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting and simple peaceful enjoyment.

The state parks and forests are managed by DCNR. DCNR is accepting private bids from drilling companies, and efforts to learn what parks and forests are under consideration have been blocked by the Corbett administration. In response, Rep. Greg Vitali has filed a Right to Know request with DCNR to force disclosure of what public lands are threatened by Corbett's plan.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Sign our Petition** - Go to the Website: www.pennsylvania.sierraclub.org calling on Corbett and the General Assembly to drop plans for more drilling in our parks and forests

- **Contact your State representative and senator** to ask them to oppose Corbett’s new drilling plans. Tell them the drillers already have more than enough public lands for their drilling.

- **Contact the PA Chapter office At pennsylvania.chapter@sierraclub.org** or call (717) 232-0101 for more information on how to help.

Jeff Schmidt
Brunner Island Coal Power Plant adds to Smog

By Tom Schuster, SC Beyond Coal Campaign

York County is home to the Brunner Island power plant, which is the 6th largest coal power plant in the state. It is also the only remaining large coal power plant that has not installed a common control for smog-causing pollution known as Selective Catalytic Reduction or SCR. This technology is like a much bigger version of the catalytic converter on your car, and can reduce smog-forming pollution by 80-90 percent. Without SCR, Brunner Island is contributing unnecessarily to the air quality woes not only of York County, but of Lancaster and Philadelphia, which have their own serious smog problems. DEP is aware that Brunner Island is out of compliance. To add to the problem, DEP is proposing that the operator of Brunner Island, PP&L, average emissions over its fleet of coal plants to comply with the already weak standard. That means that even if the overall pollution limits were lowered, PP&L could comply by slashing emissions from its Mon- north of York, while tinue from Brunner Island simply unfair to people County, Lancaster County, wind.

Help spread the word

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JUNE  Sat 21 10am
Family Event Summer Solstice Hike Bring the family and lunch, we’ll provide dessert and drinks.

JULY  Sat/Sun 12-13 PA Chapter camping trip at Chapman State Park
Sat 19 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup 8:30 am Volunteers Needed!**
Sat 26 Gay Pride Festival Tabling Event Volunteers Needed!**

SEPTEMBER  Sat 13 Susquehanna River Clean-up Volunteers Needed!**

OCTOBER  Sun 5 Wildlife presentation by Gene Wingert at Wildwood from 1-3 pm
Optional hike afterwards
Sat 11 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup 8:30 am Volunteers Needed!**

DECEMBER  Fri 5 Holiday Party

Monthly Executive Committee Meetings The Last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
All Members Welcome! Check online for location.
**Summer Solstice Hike and Picnic 10:00 AM Saturday June 21.**

Join us for an easy family friendly hike of about 3 miles with a picnic afterward. Meet at the parking area of Hocker Park Picnic Ground on Blue Mountain Parkway north of Linglestown. This is at the top of the mountain. We will hike into the Boyd Big Tree State Park and back. We will hike at a moderate pace with little climbing as we will stay near the top of the ridge. There is a clearing with a view and there should be birds and flowers along the way. Everyone should bring water.

When we return the parking area we plan to enjoy a picnic. There are tables already set up. Everyone should bring their own picnic food for lunch, GVP will bring desserts and drinks.

Contact John Lenahan at lenahan.john@mac.com or 717-737-7675 if with any questions or for directions.

**Annual Members’ Outing – July 11-13 Chapman State Park, Clarion, PA**

Activities for singles, couples and families of all ages

- Hickory Creek Wilderness hikes
- Canoe trip to the Allegheny Islands
- Wilderness Training, Campfires, Potluck and more
- Including special activities in the Allegheny National Forest to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act

Keynote Speaker: Ed Zahniser – Son of author of the Wilderness Act

RSVP no later than June 20th to 717-232-0101

**Did you receive our latest email newsletter on May 1st?** If not, please sign up for our email list via our group website at pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/pinchot or send an email to Amy at amf194@gmail.com. We send out event reminders and also provide information on last minute events that may not appear in our paper newsletter.