



2007

# James River Sojourn

*Rediscovering Conservation:  
Land Use Along the James River, Then and Now*  
June 16-23, 2007

The James River Sojourn returns this year with a special, week-long journey starting on Mr. Jefferson's River (the Rivanna) in Fluvanna County, which joins the James River at Columbia.

Awaken your senses! Enjoy nature at its aquatic best! View eagles, egrets and maybe eels! Celebrate your river heritage! Make new river friends! Experience new ways to become a better steward of your home environment through our educational on the water and evening programs.

Come, share the sojourn experience! Be part of our floating community of river ambassadors as we help commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown by exploring this great river by "Rediscovering Conservation: Land Use Along the James River, Then and Now."



Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay  
PO Box 1981  
Richmond, VA 23218

*Paddle with us from Palmyra, Virginia on the Rivanna River down the James River through Richmond and on to the tidewater at Dutch Gap Conservation Area*



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# River Sojourn Youth Art Contest

Winning entry will be featured on the t-shirt for the 2007 sojourns. The art contest theme is the early use of the sojourn rivers by native Americans and/or the exploration of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers by Captain John Smith and the crew of the shallop in 1607-1608.

Details at: [www.AllianceChesBay.org](http://www.AllianceChesBay.org)

**Art Contest Deadline - April 30, 2007**



## *Frequently Asked Sojourn Questions*

**Can I go for just one day?** Yes, except for the first 2 days. All participants who are paddling on the first water day must arrive by Saturday at 5pm.

**What does my fee include?** Registration includes overnight camping, three meals per day, vehicle shuttles, activities, programs, guiding, and safety services. It also includes a t-shirt, boat decal and a host of program attendance prizes!

**Do I need to be an experienced paddler?** Experience is helpful, but the pace of most Sojourn days is suitable for new paddlers. See estimated daily mileage, if you have questions, contact us.

**What do I need to bring?** You will need to bring or rent a canoe or kayak, paddles, Personal Flotation Device, overnight camping gear, water bottles and personal items. A complete list of gear and items will be included in a packet mailed to you after registration. See box below for local outfitters offering canoe or kayak rentals.

**Do I need to bring food?** Three meals are provided. We will provide vegetarian options if requested on the registration form. You should bring snacks and beverages for between meals. Potable water will be provided at campsites. Bring a drinking cup and enough refillable water bottles to equal a gallon per person per day.

**Where do I leave my car?** We request that participants paddling for the whole week use the kick-off day shuttle. Cars are left at a safe location at the end of the trip: you, your boat and gear are shuttled to the beginning. We provide a secure, dry, gear truck to shuttle your equipment each day. For those on the water for two or three days, a shuttle will allow you to move your car to the next camp most days. Cars might not be moved every day, depending on location and parking availability. Detailed shuttle information and reservation form will be provided in the confirmation packet.

## *Sojourn Policies - for your safety and the safety of others*

1. Parents and Guardians: YOU are responsible for monitoring your children both on land and water during the sojourn. Though this is a family friendly event, we require that you constantly remain aware of your child's activities and keep them in sight. Participants under 18 are the responsibility of, and must be accompanied by, a parent or guardian. Children must be at least six years old and know how to swim.

2. NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the river nor be consumed during lunch stops. At most sojourn evening campsites, alcohol is prohibited by law. If you choose to consume alcoholic beverages, you are responsible for taking home and recycling ALL of your empty bottles, boxes and cans. They may not be thrown into campsite trashcans nor sojourn meal trash. **Leave No Trace ethics will be enforced.**

3. All participants must attend the daily safety briefing. Participants must adhere to the safety guidelines presented by the outfitter and wear a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times while on the water.

5. Campsites, meals and on the water activities are provided for paid sojourners only; unpaid relatives or friends of sojourners are not permitted to tag along with the sojourners either on the water or stay overnight at sojourn campsites. No pets are permitted. Person-powered canoes and kayaks only.

6. All participants must sign a Medical and Emergency Contact Information sheet and Waiver of Claims and Release of Liability forms. Parents must sign for children under the age of 18. These forms will be sent in the confirmation packet and must be returned to the Alliance office no later than 2 weeks prior to the sojourn start date.

### *Refund Policy*

No refunds after June 1, 2007. Full or partial refunds may be made if the Sojourn must be curtailed due to extreme environmental conditions.

# James River Sojourn

June 16-23, 2007

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay will hold its fourth annual James River Sojourn on June 16-23, 2007. Paddle with us on the middle James from a headwaters tributary all the way to the tidewater below Richmond. We'll be rediscovering the culture and heritage of the Middle James Watershed, starting on the Rivanna River and then on the James, while we observe and learn about land use, water quality, and conservation efforts to protect and restore the watershed. The lower Rivanna and the middle James above Richmond offer stretches of unparalleled beauty through a largely undeveloped section of Virginia.

The river offers meanders, islands, and examples of stonework from the James and Kanawah Canal system. The journey through Richmond, which we will paddle and hike, takes us through centuries of habitation and the dramatic fall line that separates the James from the tidewater below. Our last day will be spent exploring the fresh water tidal lagoons at Dutch Gap Conservation Area.

Midway through our journey, we will be joined by the James River 400, a team of paddlers who are journeying from the headwaters to the sea to commemorate the 400th anniversary of this great, "founding" river. On June 21st, we will join together in the call to protect and conserve the river and its watershed.

## JAMES RIVER SOJOURN ITINERARY

### Saturday, June 16, Sojourn Kick-off, Columbia, Virginia.

Kick-off dinner will begin at 5 PM, with orientation from 6-7 p.m. Gear list, shuttle info, directions and opening day agenda will be sent out in confirmation packets. *Please note that there may be adjustments to the itinerary.*

Saturday	June 16	Kick-off – Columbia, Virginia
Sunday	June 17	Palmyra to Columbia
Monday	June 18	Columbia to Westview
Tuesday	June 19	Westview to Maidens
Wednesday	June 20	Maidens to Watkins
Thursday	June 21	Watkins to Boshers
Friday	June 22	Boshers to Ancarrows Landing (paddle, hike, boat ride to Dutch Gap)
Saturday	June 23	Dutch Gap Conservation Area tidal lagoon; Final Celebration

**Sojourns programs:** Evening programs will include presentations on the historic uses of the Rivanna and James Rivers, from Monocans and Powhatans to the dawn of the industrial era to the present day. We'll learn about the health of the river and efforts underway to restore the river through land use and preservation. We'll take water samples and a photo-journal as we travel and learn how to assess the habitats we're passing through. Naturalists and historians will accompany us throughout the journey. We'll paddle by day and enjoy educational programs, musical entertainment, and campfire storytelling by night. By the end of the week, we will have rediscovered and reinvigorated for ourselves a sense of stewardship for the James and rivers like her.

### LOCAL CANOE AND KAYAK RENTALS

**Rentals:** A limited number of rental boats are available from our safety outfitter--please contact them directly at: *Canoe Susquehanna Lewisburg, PA 570-524-7692 [www.canoesusquehanna.com](http://www.canoesusquehanna.com)*  
For names of local outfitters, call the sojourn coordinator at 804-775-0954

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is a regional non-profit organization that builds and fosters partnerships to protect and restore the Bay and its rivers. Learn more about us at: [www.AllianceChesBay.org](http://www.AllianceChesBay.org).

# 2007 REGISTRATION FORM

For Office Use Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proj# \_\_\_\_\_ Task # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2007  
 Check \_\_\_\_ or Chg \_\_\_\_  
 Sent to MD: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2007

## 2007 JAMES RIVER SOJOURN • June 16-23, 2007

Questions: Leslie Middleton:804-775-0951; lmiddleton@acb-online.org; Fax 804-775-0954

Waiver forms recv: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	# of			# of youth		
	adults	Cost	Total Cost	under 18	Cost	Total Cost
Kick-off June 16	_____	• \$10	_____	_____	• \$10	_____
Sunday, June 17	_____	• \$50	_____	_____	• \$30	_____
Monday, June 18	_____	• \$50	_____	_____	• \$30	_____
Tuesday, June 19	_____	• \$50	_____	_____	• \$30	_____
Wednesday, June 20	_____	• \$50	_____	_____	• \$30	_____
Thursday, June 21	_____	• \$50	_____	_____	• \$30	_____
Friday, June 22	_____	• \$50	_____	_____	• \$30	_____
Saturday, June 23	_____	• \$50	_____	_____	• \$30	_____

### Registration Deadline

## June 1, 2007

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**Late Registration Fee**  
**\$15.00**  
 (for registrations received after June 1, 2007)

**Total Cost Adults: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost Youth: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Registration fee (if applicable) \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT :  Check     MasterCard     Visa    Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**  
**Mail to:** Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, James River Sojourn, PO Box 1981, Richmond, VA 23218

**Primary Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Child or Adult

Name # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Child or Adult

Name # 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Child or Adult

Name # 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Child or Adult

**E-mail of primary or designated contact: (print clearly)** \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: One Email address MUST be supplied with each application or group.)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of boats for this registration: Canoes \_\_\_\_\_ Kayaks \_\_\_\_\_ Number of cars for this registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  I am a "Thru-Paddler", paddling from June 16-23, send opening day shuttle info.  
 I agree to use the gear truck/bus shuttle to move my personal and camping gear on those days when no parking is available or vehicle restrictions are in effect at camping areas..

List Medical or Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ!** Primary Contact will receive sojourn informational emails. **One Email address must be supplied with each application or group.** T Shirt sizes: **Child S/M/L. Adult S/M/L/XL.** Circle child or adult and list the size. Adult L shirt will be given to any size left blank. **Vegetarians:** indicate this on dietary restrictions line. **Organized Youth Group:** Contact coordinator for rate. **Qualified Safety Boater:** Call for application and rate.