

Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association Meeting Notes  
Thursday March 8th, 2007  
Wendy Shield's Residence, Albany

1. Waterloo Aquatic Education Center
  - Molly drafted a letter of support for the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center and all present accepted the draft.
  - The Raccoon Creek Partnership is also considering some form of collaboration.
2. Treasury Report
  - \$252 at the time of report.
  - Motion to reimburse Wendy passed at the end of this meeting.
3. Hocking College Student Inventory Project
  - Capstone inventory project for Wendy's Hocking College students Spring quarter 2007.
  - April 2nd will be an in-class presentation by Ben, Brett, and possibly Molly (class meets from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.).
  - Topics presented will include: general issues in the Raccoon Creek Watershed, the Raccoon Creek Partnership, and recovery of the watershed.
  - The intent is to provide students with a practical application of inventory processes and complement the Water Trails Group's efforts to achieve water trail designation.
  - Students may be participating or observing the Launch Committee's meeting at Sojourners on April 9th at 9 a.m.
  - Contact Wendy at [wshields@yahoo.com](mailto:wshields@yahoo.com) if you'd like to participate or attend.
4. Spring Floats!!!
  - April 21st-22nd is a possible overnight camping trip and Water Trail Group member's float from ReUse Industries in Albany. Confirm your attendance with Brett.
  - April 28th, Little Raccoon Creek Clean-Up from 8-1.
  - May 12th is the annual public float beginning at Hope School. 15 canoes are available and reservations are necessary. All boats will be departing at one time. To reserve, contact Brett at 740.596.8826 or email: [brettlaverty@hotmail.com](mailto:brettlaverty@hotmail.com)
  - June, Tentative Partners Float.
  - It is possible that an entrepreneurial pair of brothers will have boats for rent from their livery on the April 21st and the May 12th floats.
  - Volunteers at the May 12th float would be appreciated. Responsibilities would include: logistics, gofering, selling hats, staffing the display and donation box, and motivational PR with float participants.
5. Spring/Summer fundraising
  - We will attempt to staff a booth with a display and donation box at as many festivals as possible.

- Brett will investigate a waiver for the fee to host a booth at the Turkey Festival in McArthur.
7. Alternate sites for meetings
    - Uncle Buck's, Lake Hope, and the Nelsonville Library were agreed upon.
  8. Launch Designs
    - Lara Neal with the Ohio Outback Conservation Corps revised her original designs to include our suggestions and specifications.
    - The designs are incredible and will be used in our water trail designation process as well as for any other relevant opportunities.
  9. NEXT MEETING: Nelsonville Library, April 12th.