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Upcoming Events

Local Rain Barrel Sale Reminder
The Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER®, along with CWSEC, is offering rain barrels at a discounted price. They are made from 100% recycled plastic, easy-to-use, and come with everything you need to collect and save water in your yard. Please see our rain barrel link for details. Pick-up will take place on January 31st 2015, but orders can be made now!

Recent Events

Waccamaw Conference - January 31st 2015
The Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® will be holding the Waccamaw Conference on Saturday, January 31st from 8:30am-12:30pm. This year's theme is CLEAN (Community Learning and Environmental Awareness Now). The event will take place at the HGTC Conference Center located on Crabtree Lane in Myrtle Beach. Speakers include SC DNR, WNWR, TNC, CCU Professors, American Rivers and USGS. Tickets are $5 for WRF/RK members and $10 for non-members. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clean-2015-waccamaw-conference-tickets-14878717645 or call 843-349-4007 to reserve a spot and pay at the door. Please note: in an effort to "go green" and limit waste during the event, attendees are encouraged to bring their own coffee mug, plate, silverware, etc. to enjoy the provided light refreshments.

Wishing you a very happy New Year!

EPA Environmental Education Grant RFP
Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA is accepting grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. This year the EE Grants Program anticipates issuing two Requests for Proposals (RFPs), also known as Solicitation Notices. Proposals under the 2014 EE Model Grants RFP are now being accepted through February 2nd 2015. Additional information on a 2014 EE Local Grants RFP will be posted in early winter. For more information visit http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants

EPA Issues New TMDL Memorandum - Eliminates Flow Surrogate
On November 26th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a new memorandum updating aspects of its November 2002 memorandum on the subject of "Establishing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Wasteload Allocations (WLAs) for Storm Water Sources and NPDES Permit Requirements Based on Those WLAs." Perhaps most significantly, language regarding the use of flow as a surrogate has been removed. For more information visit http://stormwater.wef.org/2014/12/epa-issues-new-tmdl-memorandum-eliminates-flow-surrogate/

CWSEC Biannual Meeting - December 11th 2014
We would like to extend a big thank you to those who attended the CWSEC December meeting. It was a great success!