

Stonycreek River Rendezvous and Stonycreek River of the Year Celebration

The rivers are up and now is your chance to get on the Stonycreek River. The Stonycreek has won the statewide River of the Year contest for its cleanup efforts and quality recreation that has been promoted over the past 25 years.

Stonycreek River Rendezvous

This year, the Stonycreek River Rendezvous will be held Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19. Whitewater rafting will be available both days. Just go to the Benscreek Canoe Club website (benscreekcanooclub.com) to register for a trip of a lifetime; 50% discount to the first 100 registrations. Rafting provided by Coal Tubin of Johnstown and Wilderness Voyagers of Ohiopyle, professionals you can trust. Then stay all day Saturday at Greenhouse Park for live bands, a silent auction, a downriver canoe race, outfitting vendors, as well as food and beverages. Camping available. See Benscreek Canoe Club website for all the details for this exciting annual event.

Stonycreek River of the Year Celebration

Then mark your calendar for Saturday, June 16, for the Stonycreek River of the Year Celebration at Greenhouse Park. Activities start at 10:00 am with Stonycreek whitewater rafting by Coal Tubin, all-day tubing on Saturday and Sunday from Greenhouse Park to Moxham provided by Coal Tubin, or opt for a leisurely float trip from Greenhouse Park to the Downtown, where the inaugural shows of Peoples Natural Gas Festival Park take place. Or stick around at Greenhouse Park for exciting activities in Whitewater Park, live entertainment and festivities throughout the day. Local watershed organizations will feature exhibits. Camping available. Admission to the Park is free. Visit the Benscreek Canoe Club website for more information on all of these activities (benscreekcanooclub.com). See you on the river!

June 16 Stonycreek River of the Year Schedule of Events

- 10:00 am to 2:00 pm: River Sojourn: Hollsopple to Carpenters Park
Pre-registration @ Benscreek Canoe Club website (benscreekcanoecub.com). 50% discount to first 50 registrants.
- 11:00 am to 6 pm: Nonprofit conservation organizations displays and demonstrations @ Greenhouse Park.
- Noon - 12:30 pm: Opening Ceremony & River Blessing: Greenhouse Park
- 12:30 to 2:00 pm: Greenhouse Park to Inclined Plane River Float: Bring your canoe or kayak or use equipment provided by PA Fish & Boat (limited equipment available). Return shuttle to Park provided.
- 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm: Carpenters Park to Whitewater Park Boat Race
- 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm: SurfSUP: Paddleboarding demonstrations in Whitewater Park (standing on a paddleboard in the waves), plus instruction for newbies on how to paddleboard. Paddles and gear provided at no cost. Great fun!
- 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm: FreeStyle Rodeo @ Whitewater Park
- 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm: Playboater Race @ Whitewater Park
- 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Whisky River Panhandlers
- 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm: South Side Strays
- 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm: Halftime String Band

Superb entertainment, food, exciting events...something for everyone. Or just come and hang along the river at Stonycreek Whitewater Park and watch all the colorful activities in the river. Great family entertainment all day long!

Stonycreek River of the Year Celebration is sponsored by the Stonycreek Quemahoning Initiative, the Benscreek Canoe Club, the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, the Somerset County Tourism Grant Program, DCNR (PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources), POWR (PA Organization for Watershed & Rivers), PEC (Pennsylvania Environmental Council), and SCRIP (Stonycreek Conemaugh River Improvement Project).