

ROCKFISH VALLEY FOUNDATION Spring 2017 Newsletter



9th ANNUAL!
ROCKFISH VALLEY FOUNDATION
KITE FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017
11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
BOLD ROCK CIDERY FIELD
behind the Rockfish Valley Foundation Natural History Center
at 1193 Glenthorne Loop, Nellysford, VA 22958
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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APRIL 9, 11 AM. UNTIL 3 PM. 9TH ANNUAL ROCKFISH VALLEY FOUNDATION KITE FESTIVAL WITH KIDS NATURE TENT; FLAG UNFURLING AT 11 SHARP; SPECIAL KITE FLYING PROGRAM BY DICK AND JACKIE MACIEL AT NOON. KITS PHOTO FOR 2018 POSTER AT 12:30 PM.

NEWS AND EVENTS

APRIL 1, 10 AM. NATURAL HISTORY CENTER GRAND REOPENING WITH NEW EXHIBIT MATERIAL IN THE MUSEUM; 11 AM. AND 2 PM. TOURS OF ARCHAEOLOGY SITE AND SPRUCE CREEK PARK WITH PETER AGELASTO AND OTHERS.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROGRAMS APRIL 20 AND 21 NELSON NATURAL DAY AT SPRUCE CREEK PARK FOR TYE RIVER 5TH GRADE AND ROCKFISH RIVER 4TH GRADE IN COLLABORATION WITH WESTERN ALBEMARLE ENVIRONMENTAL ACADEMY. PROGRAMS ON CALENDAR FOR NELSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, BLUE RIDGE PRISM INVASIVES ORGANIZATION, 2ND GRADE AT ROCKFISH; KITE BUILDING COMPETITION IN 5TH GRADE AT TYE RIVER. THANKS TO LYNN FONTANNA ,COMMITTEE CHAIR AND BILL PLYLER WATER EDUCATION OUTREACH LEADER, WE ARE CONNECTING TO NELSON SCHOOLS.

CHILDREN'S NATURE TRAIL AT SPRUCE CREEK PARK...CHARRETTE WITH THAYER DESIGN APRIL 30. THIS INVOLVES THE MEMBERS OF OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTE FOR

THE CHILDREN'S NATURE TRAIL. WE HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS TO BUILD OUT THE WATER, ROCKS, PLANTS AND ANIMAL S TOPS ALONG THE TRAIL. FUNDS HAVE BEEN RAISED TO IMPLEMENT A MAJOR PHASE OF THE ELEMENTS ALONG THIS TRAIL.

VA DEPT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT IS SUPPORTING 11 SMALL PROJECTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 12 X 20 FOOT STORAGE SHED BY THE NELSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SHOP STUDENTS WITH PAUL CONNELL AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED AT COST BY VIRGINIA FRAME AND BUILDING SUPPLY. IT WILL BE A SHOWCASE FOR THE PARK. ALREADY FINISHED ARE GRAVEL UPGRADES TO ALL THE WALKING TRAILS AT SPRUCE CREEK PARK AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PERIMETER FENCE ENTRANCE AT GLENTHORNE LOOP. THE OTHER PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY UNDER DIRECTION OF JOHN LLOYD.



GLENTHORNE LOOP ENTRANCE - SPRUCE CREEK PARK



MILL TRACE FOR COLEMAN MILLS- OLD WINTERGREEN VILLAGE ARCHAEOLOGY SITE

PIPELINE UPDATE – DOMINION/ACP UNDERTOOK THEIR SURVEY AND FOUND ABUNDANT WETLANDS, A RED MAPLE WETLAND FOREST, NATIVE AMERICAN MATERIALS THRU FIELD TESTING AND OF COURSE ALL THAT WE HAD TOLD THEM OF THE OLD WINTERGREEN VILLAGE AND COLEMAN MILLS. THE IMPACT ON SPRUCE CREEK BRIDGE APPEARS TO BE OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE WITH A DIRECT HIT AT THE GUARD RAILS AND A 225 FOOT SWATH OF TREES REMOVED ON EITHER SIDE OF RT 151 ALONG SPRUCE CREEK. ALL THIS WITH NO RESTORATION.

COMING UP: INVASIVE PLANT EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH BLUE RIDGE PRISM MEETING AND PROGRAM IN LATE SUMMER. ADDITIONAL TOURS OF ARCHAEOLOGY SITE AND PARK.