

Minnesota River Weekly Update April

30th 2013

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Events:

Canoeing with the Cree

Thursday, May 9

7pm

Treaty Site History Center

St. Peter, MN

Join us on May 9th at 7pm at the Treaty Site, when DNR Area Naturalist Scott Kudelka brings the history of an epic journey to life. Eric Severeid and Walter Port paddled the entire length of the Minnesota River on the way to Hudson Bay in the summer of 1930 for a total of 2,250 miles. These two teenagers pushed themselves and their canoe over sixty portages in fourteen weeks or 98 days arriving at the York Factory at the end of September. Their story is told in the book "Canoeing with the Cree" by Eric Severeid. This program will focus on what they experienced on the Minnesota River.

Contact: Nicollet County Historical Society – [507-934-2160](tel:507-934-2160)

Insects in the Arboretum

Saturday, May 11

10-11:30 am

Linnaeus Arboretum Interpretive Center: Gustavus Adolphus

St. Peter, MN

They jump high, fly far, and perform amazing feats of strength. Sometimes we love 'em and sometimes we hate 'em. Come see some examples of amazing insects up close and learn all about what makes an insect an insect, and why we could never survive without this amazing (and huge) group of animals. We'll do some exploring (weather permitting) and teach you how to identify some common backyard insects (dress to get dirty). Great program for **families** of kids ages 4 and older.

Registration required by calling the program hotline at [507-933-6184](tel:507-933-6184) no later than Fri., May 10, 2013. Free for members. Free-will donation asked of non-members.

For more information: <https://gustavus.edu/calendar/insects-in-the-arboretum/37207>

River and History Weekend

Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19

Featuring a Film Festival, Live Music, Paddling Theater and Guided Tours of the new rapids that the new rapids that will be uncovered where the Minnesota Falls Dam used to be located. Our goal is to attract 250 paddlers from around the state and South Dakota. Volunteers needed. Call [1-877-269-2873](tel:1-877-269-2873) or For more information: <http://www.curemnriver.org/events.html#certs-conference>

Granite Falls Memorial Park and Upper Sioux Agency State Park Granite Falls, MN

Email: Dixie@curemnriver.org

Minnesota River Board Meeting – Carver County

Monday, May 20

9am-12am

1661 Park Ridge Drive Community Room A

Chaska, MN

Contact: Karnell Johnson at [507-389-5491](tel:507-389-5491) or karnell.johnson@Mnsu.edu

Environmental/Conservation Articles:

Mankato watering restrictions implemented

The Free Press- Mankato

April 22, 2013

Operating under the assumption that summer will actually come this year, Mankato City Manager Pat Hentges is implementing watering restrictions effective immediately – concerned that a broken down city well and the ongoing drought could leave water supply short of demand.

<http://mankatofreepress.com/local/x437172064/Mankato-watering-restrictions-implemented>

Minnesota River being nominated for Blueways system

The U.S Dept. of Interior has invited the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance to submit a formal nomination of the Minnesota River to the National Blueways System. The nomination document is being finalized and submitted.

For more on this see the official post: <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/AMERICAS-GREAT-OUTDOORS-RIVERS-Secretary-Salazar-Creates-National-Blueways-System-Designates-Connecticut-River-and-Its-Watershed-as-First-National-Blueway.cfm>

MPCA issues permits for landfill in Blue Earth County

April 19, 2013

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recently issued a 10-year permit for the Ponderosa Sanitary Landfill in Blue Earth County. The permit issuance follows a public comment period on the permit and an environmental review of the landfill's planned expansion. The agency found that the expansion, as proposed, will have no potential for significant environmental effects.

For more information visit the MPCA website and search for ponderosa sanitary landfill blue earth.

Please register at the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance's bulletin board at <http://mail.mnsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/mrwa/> to receive regular updates on what is happening in the Minnesota River Basin.