

TATC Activity List for June 14th General Meeting

- This listing is current as of the date of the meeting, see the Google calendar and/or the TATC web site for up-to-date information as new items get added, and occasionally published schedules get modified.

See also the TATC Google Calendar for information

- It is viewable at the bottom of the TATC Home Page or can be added to your Google calendar on your computer or phone using the following link –

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2hqMjdudGM1Y201cWwyamZzMWVvZDhwc2tAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

Tuesday Group - More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - [TATC Tuesday Group\(google.com\)](#). Many of their events are planned only a week or two prior to the event date, and thus do not get listed in this General Meeting snapshot of events. Also, they do not get copied onto the main TATC Google calendar until details have matured, but some advance info is available on the Tuesday Group website prior to being included on the main TATC calendar. They have an event almost every Tuesday morning.

TATC General Meeting (Norfolk)

What: Meeting

When: June 14th, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Episcopal Church of the Advent, 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Swing Blade and Lopper-fest (Sherando)

What: Maintenance

When: Saturday, June 17th

Where: Camping in Sherando, working our sections of the AT.

Camping out June 16th to the 18th. in the Sherando Lake Recreation Area at the CCC Kitchen.

Cut back encroaching plant growth from trails using swing blades, loppers and shears. Free Park entrance; Free camping. Friday & Sunday are travel days. Ten to twelve people needed.

Contacts:

John Sima - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailsupervisor@tidewateratc.com

Brittany Collins - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

A.T. Training Opportunity - Orientation to Caring for the A.T.

Join TATC Members for an Appalachian Trail maintenance training opportunity being given by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. A description of this training is provided below, along with a link at the bottom to sign up for this training. Meet at the Tye River Parking Lot off Route 56 in Tyro, Virginia at 8:30 am on June 18th. You must sign up for this training in advance.

What: Orientation to Caring for the A.T.

When: 6/18/2023 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Where: Tye River Trailhead

Join a full-day workshop with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club to learn and apply new Trail Maintenance standards to the Appalachian Trail on Sunday, June 18th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. near Tyro, VA.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available throughout the Trail but one fun way to volunteer is to help with trail maintenance. Essential trail maintenance helps protect natural resources and improves the hiking experience. After grasping the basics, participants will be ready to join future work trips with A.T. maintaining clubs, or even adopt their own section of the Trail to maintain.

You gain valuable skills and conservation experience while alongside a welcoming community of dedicated individuals, benefit from a light workout, and get quality time outside as you make the A.T. a better place.

This training workshop will introduce new and experienced participants to modern maintenance practices for use on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. With a focus on safety, and based on area conditions, the course will be adapted to include relevant module options that may include: Trail Condition Assessment, Dealing with Water Issues, Brushing, Keeping Hikers on the Centerline, and Marking the Trail.

All tools, instructions, and personal protective equipment will be provided. You only need to bring the items listed below and an eagerness to participate in a hands-on stewardship learning opportunity.

Please be sure to wear long pants and sturdy boots. Bring plenty of water and snacks for the day, lunch, sunscreen, bug spray, and a rain jacket. If you have a preferred pair of work gloves, you can bring those as well, if not, gloves will be provided.

Advanced registration is necessary. Complete the form using the "Express Your Interest" button below or use [this link](#) to register; this will register you for the event. Also, please email John Sima (trailsupervisor@tidewateratc.com) and let him know you have signed up!

You will receive a confirmation email with further details, including the meeting location, and curriculum for the course.

Happy Hiker Hour – Oozlefinch, also Cecil's Retirement! (Hampton)

What: Social Gathering

When: Friday June 23rd, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: 81 Patch Rd, Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Description: Please Join us for a Happy Hiker Hour at Oozlefinch in Honor of Cecil's Retirement.

On the lawn at Oozlefinch Beer and Blending at 81 Patch Road, Fort Monroe, Va.

Bring a lawn chair

Support Chesapeake Bay Foundation Shoreline Restoration (Portsmouth)

What: Local Maintenance

When: Various – see below

Where: Portsmouth, Virginia

Description: The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) has asked if TATC members would help them with a major shoreline project this summer. The project offers multiple opportunities to clean, restore, and enhance the bay and its surroundings. Please consider registering for one or more of the events.

The CBF shoreline project will run all summer long and be broken into 6 weeks (plus a week in October for riparian buffer install), each week focusing on another stage of the project. While each step of this project takes multiple days, anyone can sign up to participate on as few or as many days as you like!

Webpage with details and registration: <https://www.cbf.org/events/virginia/berner-living-shoreline.html>

Details can be found in registration but here is the schedule:

- Prep Week -
 - [June 12th - 17th](#)
- Sand Backfill Base Layer
 - [June 26th -30th](#)
- Oyster Castles & Loose Oyster Shell Install
 - [July 10th - 14th](#)
 - Rain Dates: [July 17th & 18th](#)
- Coir Logs & Shell Bags
 - [July 24th - 26th](#)
 - Rain Dates: [July 27th & 28th](#)
- Sand Backfill w/ EQR
 - [August 7th - 11th](#)
 - Rain Date - [August 12th](#)
- Planting Shoreline
 - [August 14th](#)
 - Rain Date - [August 15th](#)
- Planting Buffer
 - [October 9th and 10th](#)
 - Rain Date - [October 11th](#)

Please use the following link to registrar -

<https://www.cbf.org/events/virginia/berner-living-shoreline.html>

Tuesday Group – Blackwater Trading Post Paddle (Virginia Beach)

What – Paddle

When - Tue, June 27th, at 9:15 am.

Where – Where: Blackwater Trading Post, 5606 Blackwater Rd., Virginia Beach, VA

Cost: \$3 launch fee.

When: Boats in the water by 9:30

Blackwatertradingpost.com has the menus for breakfast and lunch or you can bring your own. There are tables but you may want to bring a lawn chair.

We will head West on Blackwater. This paddle is 4 or 5 miles but for those wanting a longer paddle you can head East after lunch.

Bring water, life jackets (Must be worn), sunscreen, lunch or \$, \$for launch, and snacks.

To sign up email Gayle Owens at owensgaylee@gmail.com.

To see who has signed up click on the link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16HfUJi_gvb2b6gS107Wv_eADqxB-ZI2Vh4niTlqzA8Y/edit?usp=sharing

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First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day (Virginia Beach)

What – Local Maintenance

When – July 7th, 9 am to about noon

Where – First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach

First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day, Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trail maintenance.

The meeting location is the parking lot by the picnic area.

At least 3 volunteers are needed.

Contact: Contact: Margaret Pisone at vabchvic@hotmail.com or localtrails@tidewateratc.com to sign up.

Tuesday Group – Nottaway Epic Paddle (Courtland)

What – Paddle

When - Tue, July 11th at 8:00 am.

Where – 26563 Shady Brook Trail, Courtland, VA 23837

Description: Paddle down the Nottaway River near Franklin, VA. We will have local volunteers who will help shuttle our vehicles to the take out at Battle Beach Dockside. This seven-hour paddle has a lunch stop 8.5 miles down at the Bronco Rod and Gun Club with flush toilets. After lunch we will paddle 6.5 miles to the take out at Dockside. This is the same take out we used for the last three epic Blackwater River paddles. Most of the Nottaway River is in the wilderness. We will only see a few houses. Sign in no later than 8 AM, unload the boats and begin the shuttle. We hope to complete the shuttle and begin paddling by 9 AM. Bruce, Margaret and I plan to eat breakfast at the McDonalds on the Rt 58 Franklin bypass 2.8 miles from the put in. No potties at the put in! The 14-mile shuttle takes about 20 minutes one way.

Bring lunch, water, protein snacks, dry clothes, PFDs must be worn, sunscreen, hat. GPS address at the put in where we will meet is 26563 Shady Brook Trail, Courtland, VA 23837. It has a Courtland address but is much closer to Franklin.

To sign-up contact Bill b.billings@gmail.com or Bruce julianbm@verizon.net

To see who has already signed up click: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UIFOZvuVn-R1IHTRtgRH4Czni5e8pqqC_a9QCVVAN4c/edit?usp=sharing

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General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: July 12th, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location – Episcopal Church of the Advent, 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Other Future Activities (see linked calendar for details) –

- Lopperfest #2 – July 14th – 16th, 2023
- AT VISTA – August 4th – 7th, 2023. Johnson City, TN
- General Membership Meeting – August 9th, 2023
- Lopperfest #3 – August 11th – 13th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – September 13th, 2023
- Fall Walk Through – September 29th – October 1st, 2023
- Newport News Fall Festival – October 7th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – October 11th, 2023
- First Landing State Park Fall Festival – October 21st, 2023
- Fall Maintenance – October 20th – 22nd, 2023