POTOMAC RIVERKEEPER NETWORK ANNOUNCES
2018 RIVERPALOOZA SCHEDULE

Experience the Beauty of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers on These Fishing, Bird Watching and Camping Paddles

WASHINGTON, DC – May 4, 2018 – River paddle trips ranging from bird watching, fishing and snorkeling on the Shenandoah to overnight camping on the Potomac's beautiful Paw Paw Bends are just some of the events scheduled for this year’s Potomac Riverkeeper RiverPalooza June 2 – July 27, Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRKN) President Jeff Kelble announced today. RiverPalooza officially kicks-off on June 2 and is a two month long annual event designed to provide families and river enthusiasts with memorable on-the-water experiences that build a deep and enduring appreciation for our rivers.

In making the announcement Kelble said, “No other program of its kind offers as wide a range of on-the-water and paddling events. RiverPalooza's canoe outings, fishing excursions, camping trips, kayak adventures, snorkeling, and floats for all skill levels make it popular for all ages. From rare opportunities to explore the historic water trails that Captain John Smith first voyaged in the early 1600s, to the Potomac Heritage Trail that follows the paths explored by George Washington, RiverPalooza offers a series of unique events that inspire a sense of stewardship and reverence for the Potomac watershed.”

This year's RiverPalooza Event Schedule features:

- **Saturday, June 2** — Kick-Off “Make a SPLASH for Clean Water” in Harpers Ferry from two launch sites, beginner tubing and raft trips along with intermediate-level ducky floats
- **Wednesday, June 13** – Shenandoah River Birdwatching Paddle
- **Thursday, June 21** – Antietam Creek Float—a tour through history
- **Friday, June 22** – “Ghost Fleet” Paddle in Mallows Bay
- **Saturday, June 23** – American Indian Cultural Interpretation Paddle with the Piscataway Kanoi Tribe on Piscataway Creek
- **Friday, June 29** – Shenandoah River Fishing Trip
- **Saturday, June 30** – Trough Paddle/Overnight
- **Saturday to Sunday, July 14-15** – Paw Paw Bends Overnight Float
- **Saturday, July 21** – Shenandoah River Snorkeling—South Fork
- **Saturday, July 21** – Women on the Water Paddle
- **Sunday, July 22** – RioPalooza—South Fork
- **Friday, July 27** – Monuments Paddle
Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRKN) runs RiverPalooza in collaboration with sponsors and partners with a single goal in mind: the more people experience and enjoy our rivers, the more they will value them. RiverPalooza includes events in locations from the greater metropolitan Washington area to the rural areas of the Shenandoah and the Upper Potomac, and raises awareness for the many roles the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers play: as recreational destinations that inspire and delight, a habitat for an amazing assortment of wildlife, an economic driver for tourism and development, a window into our nation’s history, and the source of drinking water for 6 million residents.

Concluded Kelble, “Our kickoff event includes two simultaneous paddles – take your pick – on Saturday, June 2, and then we host another 11 events through the next several weeks, concluding on July 27. Registration is now open so don’t wait: book your paddle today. It’s sure to be an experience you won’t forget.”

**About Potomac Riverkeeper Network**

Potomac Riverkeeper Network is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization with three regional Waterkeeper branches: Potomac Riverkeeper, Upper Potomac Riverkeeper and Shenandoah Riverkeeper. Our mission is to protect the public’s right to clean water in our rivers and streams. We stop pollution to promote safe drinking water, protect healthy habitats, and enhance public use and enjoyment.

For more information visit [RiverPalooza2018.org](http://RiverPalooza2018.org).