



June 29th River Days Festival Know Before You Go

Good afternoon,

This is a reminder that you have registered to join us for Anne Arundel County's River Days Festival taking place this Saturday, June 29th at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

Please read this entire email for all the information you need to know before the event. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at riverdays@aacounty.org.

**Saturday, June 29th 11:00am - 4:00pm
at Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
647 Contees Wharf Road, Edgewater, MD 21037**

Arrival: Registration for this event is full. When you arrive, please let the guard at the entrance gate know you are there to attend River Days. As you enter the campus, please drive slow and watch out for people and wildlife.

Parking & Shuttles: Free parking is available on site. Carpooling is highly encouraged, as we anticipate high attendance for this event. Please follow staff instructions as they will direct you to available parking. The venue is large, so once you park please wait at the closest shuttle stop for a county shuttle to bring you to the festival area. Shuttles will be running from parking lots to the festival and waterfront areas throughout the day.

Activities: The festival area will have food trucks, crafts, games, face painting, live music from Rickshaw Lizard, an archaeological dig, and tables hosted by local environmental groups and county agencies. The waterfront area will have a seining demonstration, lab tables, educational activities, a photo booth, fire boat, and boat rides hosted by Watermark. You can view the full map and schedule of activities below.

Boat Rides: Boat rides are fully reserved for this event.

If you **did** reserve a boat ride, double check your tickets to confirm what time you have reserved and plan to arrive to the event at least 30 minute prior to your departure time to ensure you have enough time to park, take the shuttle to the waterfront, and check in. There will be a boat ride table at the dock, please check in here to receive your ticket to board the vessel. Passengers will enjoy a 30 minute ride on Watermark's beautiful 20 passenger Miss Anne. Children under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (parent/guardian/chaperone).

If you **did not** reserve a boat ride, you can visit our information tent at the festival to inquire about the waitlist in case of possible openings. Additionally, we will have four more River Day Festivals this summer with boat ride opportunities. You can visit aacounty.org/RiverDays for more information.

Food: A variety of food trucks will be at the festival with food and drink available for purchase - Kona Ice, Sweet Satisfaction, BBQ Bueno, and MMpanadas.

What To Bring: This event will take place outdoors, and the festival will be held in a grass field. We recommend that you wear closed-toe shoes, and dress appropriately for warm, sunny weather. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and bug spray. Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or small chairs, but please limit the number of items you bring as you will be taking a shuttle from the parking lot to the various areas of the festival.

Prohibited: Pets are not allowed on the campus. Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and illegal substances or weapons of any kind are all prohibited.

Weather: This event is rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, we will make a decision whether or not to cancel by 8:00am on June 29th. Please watch for an email from us and check aacounty.org/RiverDays for updates.

Questions & Accommodations: If you still have questions about the event, or are in need of any special accommodations, please respond to this email or contact us at riverdays@aacounty.org.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday to celebrate our first River Days Festival of the year!