



# WATERSHED MOMENTS

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**Summer is the perfect time to enjoy local streams, rivers and lakes. Whether you are kayaking, fishing, swimming, partying on the pontoon boat, or just relaxing by the water, tell us how you are enjoying the water this summer on our Facebook page:**  
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## Upcoming Events

### **4-H2O Exploring Lake Murray**

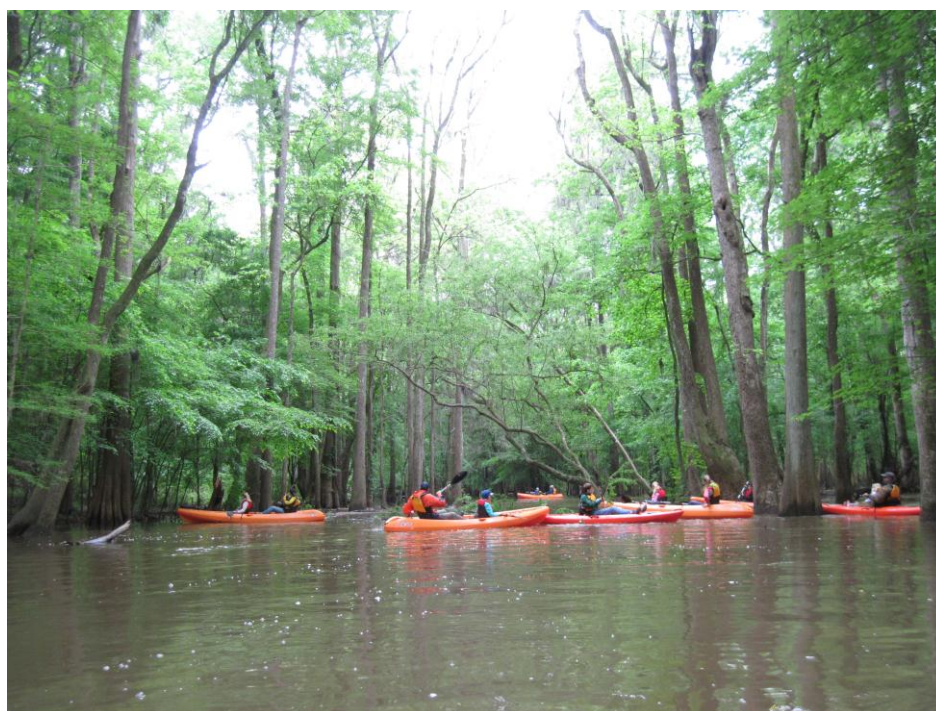
June 24-28, 2013  
8:30-4:30 PM daily  
SCE&G Recreation Area  
on Lake Murray

**Richland Countywide  
Stormwater Consortium  
Meeting**  
July 3, 2013

## Newsworthy:

### **Kayaks at Congaree**

The Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium used its new 4-H2O Kayak Fleet for the first time on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents from the Nature Navigators Club at Catawba Trail Elementary School took a trip down Cedar Creek at Congaree National Park. The creek was swollen with recent rains. Congaree National Park is a special kind of wetland called a flood plain forest, and several times each year the water rises above the stream banks and floods the land in between, depositing sediment and nutrients that enrich the ecosystem. The students had a great time paddling between the trees, listening to birds and looking for wildlife along the creek.



*Students and parents found out exactly what "flood plain forest" means on a kayak trip at Congaree National Park.*

10:00-11:30 AM  
Arcadia Lakes Town Hall  
Open to the public –  
please join us!

**4-H2O Exploring the  
Congaree Watershed**  
July 8-12, 2013  
8:30-4:00 PM daily  
Harbison State Forest

**Summer Celebration of  
Water**  
August 24, 2013  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Riverfront Park

### Ongoing Projects

**Partners for Healthy  
Watersheds Business  
Recognition Program**  
Find out how your business  
can participate at  
[www.clemson.edu/  
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and healthy lawns by  
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Carolina's environment  
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### Recent Activities:

#### **Richland Recycle Day**

On May 17, Richland County residents recycled over 225,000 pounds of materials, including electronics, tires, refrigerators, household hazardous wastes, paper and other hard to recycle items. The turnout was huge, with over 1,338 cars came through the collection site. In addition, 350 fifth grade students participated in learning activities related to recycling, preventing pollution, and taking care of the earth. It was a fun and productive day for all. Please join us again next year, and in the meantime, go to [www.richlandonline.com](http://www.richlandonline.com) for information on recycling in Richland County throughout the year.



*Students answer questions about water quality at the Stormwater booth at Richland Recycle Day (Left) and National Public Works Week Kids Day (Right).*

#### **National Public Works Week Kids Day**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, second grade students from Rice Creek Elementary visited Richland County Public Works on Powell Road for National Public Works Week. The students visited booths hosted by all of the different public works divisions, from animal care to roads and drainage. At the Stormwater booth the kids competed in a "Stormwater Jeopardy" game to test their knowledge.

### Upcoming Activities:

#### **4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed**

**July 8-12, 2013**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**Harbison State Forest**

Space is still available for 4-H2O Exploring the Congaree Watershed. Don't miss this unique learning opportunity for kids ages 11-14! We will hike, swim, kayak, catch critters in the creek, visit Congaree National Park, tour a fish hatchery, and more at this week-long day camp. Sign up your child today at [www.clemson.edu/extension/4H2O](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4H2O).



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Join us at Riverfront Park in Columbia on August 24<sup>th</sup> for family fun that's all about water. Activities will include kayaking, canoeing, tubing, water slides, kids' activities, food and more! Richland County Public Library will have story time for kids, and Shakespeare Fishing will be doing casting demonstrations. Check the event website, [www.summercelebrationofwater.com](http://www.summercelebrationofwater.com) for more announcements as the date gets closer.

***Help to raise awareness to ways each of us can protect our local watersheds and quality of life in our communities by sharing this newsletter with others!***

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