



WATERSHED MOMENTS

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This holiday season, take a moment to be *thankful* for the rivers that supply our state with water. 11% of the global population, or 783 million people, are still without access to clean drinking water.

Upcoming Events

Reindogs and Elves

December 15, 2013

2:00-4:00 PM

Carolina Children's Garden

at Clemson Sandhill REC

Sign a Pet Waste Pledge

for a doggie bandana!

RCSC Quarterly Meeting

January 8, 2014

10:00-11:30 AM

Arcadia Lakes Town Hall

Newsorthy:

Year 5 Annual Activities Report Completed

The RCSC Annual Report of Activities for 2012-2013 is complete and published. Year 5 was a busy and fulfilling year. Highlights include a 50% increase in participation in volunteer cleanups, rain barrels installed at 15 schools, and a four-part Carolina Yards speaker series. RCSC would like to thank all of its hardworking partners for making the programs in this report possible. The report can be viewed at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc. Printed copies are available on request.



Recent Activities:

River Sweep 2013

Thank you, volunteers, for making an impact with River Sweep! On September 21, volunteers with Keep the Midlands Beautiful picked up over 30 bags of trash from the banks of the Saluda River near Riverbanks Zoo. On Sept. 22, volunteers from the Rocky Branch Watershed Association also got into the action and cleaned up trash at Olympia Park. Both events were part of the annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep statewide cleanup effort, sponsored by the SC Department of Natural Resources and SC Sea Grant.



Volunteers at Olympia Park. Photo credit: Rocky Branch Watershed Alliance

Ongoing Projects

Partners for Healthy Watersheds Business Recognition Program

Find out how your business can participate at www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc.

Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods

Learn how create attractive and healthy lawns by working with South Carolina's environment rather than against it. Go to www.clemson.edu/cyn for more information.

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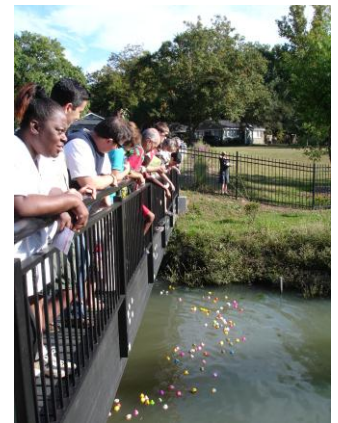


Rain Barrel Workshop

On October 2nd, seventeen homeowners built their own rain barrels to install at their homes. Rain barrels are a great way to save water and money, and are a lot of fun to put together. The group also learned other things they could do around their homes to prevent water pollution, such as install rain gardens, pick up pet waste and volunteer for cleanups in their communities. Download instructions for building your own rain barrel at home from www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear.

Rocky Branch Bash

The Rocky Branch Watershed Alliance's first ever Rocky Branch Bash drew a crowd to Martin Luther King Jr. Park on October 20th. Participants learned about this important urban watershed while enjoying local food, live music, games and booths by local businesses and environmental groups. The highlight of the event was the rubber ducky race in the creek (left). Race entry fees will be used for future education and improvement projects in the watershed.



Sharing about Stormwater at Blythefest

The Richland County Stormwater Division got to talk pollution with Blythewood residents at the annual Blythefest event on Oct. 25th and 26th. With a newly designed stormwater display and the Enviroscope watershed model, they attracted visitors to their booth to learn how to prevent water pollution in Blythewood.



Chenille Williams and William Boyd at Blythefest

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2:00 - 4:00 PM

**Carolina Children's Garden
at Clemson Sandhill REC**

The Richland County Master Gardeners will host a holiday event for dogs and children of all ages at the Carolina Children's Garden on Sunday, December 15. Activities will include a costume contest, pet parade, photos with Santa Paws, and more. In addition, RCSC will be there giving out doggie bandanas to pet owners who pledge to pick up after their pets. Go to www.carolinachildrengarden.org for details.

Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium Meeting

January 8, 2014

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Arcadia Lakes Town Hall

Please join RCSC to plan stormwater education, outreach, and public involvement programs for Richland County for 2014. All meetings are open to the public. If clean rivers and streams are important to you, we welcome your participation and input.

Help to raise awareness of 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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