

Explore the Outdoors at It's Our River Day

Annual Event
Saturday, September 19, 2015
1:00pm-4:00pm
Cornish Park, Downtown Algonquin
(South Harrison Street & Route 62)

The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County and the Village of Algonquin are sponsoring the annual "It's Our River Day" celebration and clean-up.

It's Our River Day, a statewide celebration, kicks off in Algonquin at 1:00 p.m. The event, which is free to the public, aims to educate residents about how they can help preserve and protect natural resources.

New this year:

- ✓ Water Rescue Demonstration by the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District!
- ✓ McHenry County Conservation District will bring a live animal to visit!
- ✓ Wilderness Inquiry will give canoe rides!
- ✓ Watch a stand-up paddling demonstration!



Organizations that will have displays include:

- Algonquin Area Public Library
- Algonquin Rotary Club
- Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District
- *Dundee Township Open Space
- *Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
- Fox River Jeep Club
- *Friends of the Fox River
- *Illinois Paddling Council
- Illinois Water Trailkeepers
- Kane County Environmental and Water Resources
- McHenry County College Sustainability Center
- McHenry County Conservation District
- *McHenry County Schools Environmental Education Program
- National Park Service-Wilderness Inquiry
- *Natural Area Volunteers
- Openlands
- Prairie State Canoeists
- Sierra Club
- Village of Algonquin—Water, Sewer and Utilities Department
- *Village of Algonquin

*giving a presentation



The Fox River clean-up begins at 2:00 p.m., sponsored by the Sierra Club. Come celebrate the beautiful Fox River and help keep her clean while learning more about local environmental, conservation, and outdoor groups.

The event is free and open to the public. Groups are welcome. Parking is available in the municipal parking lot at South Harrison Street and Washington Street, and on street parking throughout the neighborhood.

Presentations/Events

(Tentative Schedule, subject to change)

- 1:00pm Welcome by Village
- 1:00pm-4:00pm Explore the Outdoors-passport game
- 1:00pm-4:00pm See a live native animal at the MCCD table
- 1:15pm Exploring outdoors via the Jeep-Jodie Auliff, Fox River Jeep Club
- 1:30pm ALITH Fire District water rescue demonstration
- 2:00pm Paddling group starts in the river clean-up
- 2:00pm-3:45pm River Clean-up
- 2:15pm Friends of the Fox River—Gary Swick
- 2:30pm National Park Service—Find Your Park
- 2:45pm BYOBag-Cynthia Kanner, Environmental Defenders
- 3:00pm Stand Up Paddling demonstration—Erin Keenan
- 3:15pm Enjoying the outdoors by Paddling- Jodie Auliff, IL Paddling Council
- 3:30pm No Child Left Inside-Barb Wilson, Natural Area Volunteers
- 3:45pm Open Space Hiking and Dixie Fromm Briggs-Sue Harney