

FRIENDS OF THE JORDAN EVENT SCHEDULE 2009

The following events are being planned by the Friends of the Jordan Education Committee. Some events are tentative, watch for further information in local newspaper, mailings and on our website www.friendsofthejordan.org. Most activities will be at the Jordan River Watershed Center (JRWC) 101 Union St. East Jordan.

APRIL

- **April 19, 2009** Sunday 1:00 PM Pinney Bridge Earth Day Trail Cleanup: The North Country Trail Association, The Friends of the Jordan and the East Jordan High School National Honor Society will collaborate on maintenance of the Jordan River Pathway section of the North Country Trail. Those interested in assisting may contact the Friends of the Jordan or Peg Myer of the North Country Trail Assn. Dennis, Terry and Peg.
- **April 25, 2009** Saturday 10 AM Early Spring Flowers, Nature Hike in association with the Grass River Natural Area. Meet at Grass River Natural Area in Bellaire.
- **April 30, 2009** Thursday 6:00 – dark Workbee at the Watershed Center. Spring cleaning inside and out. Bring rakes, shovel, wheelbarrow, gloves. We may do tree trimming, pruning, spread woodchips, paint picnic tables, clean up the inside as well. You provide the elbow grease and we'll buy the pizza.

MAY

- **May 2, 2009** Saturday 9:30 AM-Noon: Adopt a Highway Cleanup and Jordan River Cleanup. Meet at Graves Crossing off M-66. Please bring work gloves and dress for the weather. Call ahead about canoes if you plan to work on the River Cleanup. Afterward we will meet at the Watershed Center for a cookout.
- **May 9, 2009**, Saturday 8:00 AM Bird Walk. Meet at the JRWC. Our resident Bird Man Jerry Aydrott will help us identify the songbirds and shorebirds returning to the Jordan in the spring migration. Bring field guides, binoculars and your cameras. We will be hiking the Rogers Family Homestead Preserve. Level ground, leisurely pace.
- **May 13, 2009** 7:00-10:00 PM Public Educational Meeting FOJ/POWER Presentation: "Update on the Alba Well opposition activities." Bellaire Senior Center 308 Cayuga St. Bellaire.
- **May 16, 2009** 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Nature Hike "Feathers, Flowers and Fungi: Spring Returns to the Valley". See what is blooming in the early spring and hunt for the elusive morel and other spring mushrooms. Meet at the Pinney Bridge parking lot. Bring cameras, field guides and cameras, mesh bag for mushroom collection. Franny Bluhm will teach you to identify some birds by their songs and discuss mushroom identification and give tips on finding and cooking these spring treasures. She will lead a hike through the woods to identify conditions that are likely to yield mushrooms. Those who are interested in flowers will hike along the river and up to the Pinney Bridge Campground.
- **TBA May 2009** Date: _____ Stream Monitoring. Time: _____ With trained team leaders, you will gather samples from the river to be tested to assess the health of the river. Meet at the Jordan River Watershed Center. Wear shoes or boots that may get wet. Tools will be provided.
- **May 20, 2009** Wednesday 6:30 PM at the JRWC Rain Gardens, Green Roofs: Storm Water Control. Learn about these and other interesting ways to beautify your property to manage storm water runoff to decrease pollution of the watershed. Heidi Lang, the Antrim County Soil Conservation officer will present information on planning and constructing, examples of how these have been implemented in new construction as well as renovations to existing projects. This is relevant to property owners as well as urban planners and developers.

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JUNE

- Friends of the Jordan Annual Photography Contest begins accepting entries: Theme to be announced.
- **June 13, 2009.** Saturday 10:00 AM-Noon FolksaWalkin' the Jordan River (Cascade Creek Trail) Landslide Overlook This is an activity to increase awareness of the Jordan Valley and the pervasive nature of the streams, springs and creeks that feed into the Jordan. Modeled after the FolksMarch in South Dakota at the Crazy Horse memorial site. Barb Bradford, Joanne Beemon, John Teesdale and Anne Zukowski will lead the hike. Meet at the Landslide Overlook on Alba Rd.
- **TENTATIVE** June 18-20, 2009. Open Hours at the JRWC with educational displays during Freedom Festival, Kick off for the Photography Contest with Photo Exhibit.
- **June 21, 2009** Sunday 9:00 AM Summer Solstice River Trip. Greet the summer with a morning trip down the lower Jordan by canoe or kayak. Launch your canoe or kayak at the Rogers Rd Access site and joins us as we paddle to Lake Charlevoix. Refreshments to follow at the Watershed Center.

JULY

- **TBA DATE?** Saturday 9:30 AM-Noon: Adopt a Highway Cleanup.
- **July 18, 2009.** 10:00 AM-Noon FolksaWalkin' the Jordan River Pinney Bridge area. This is an activity to increase awareness of the Jordan Valley and the pervasive nature of the streams, springs and creeks that feed into the Jordan. Modeled after the FolksMarch in South Dakota at the Crazy Horse memorial site. Meet at the Pinney Bridge parking area off M-66, about 2 miles down Pinney Bridge Rd.

AUG

- Deadline for entry in Friends of the Jordan Annual Photography Contest
- **Aug 7, 2009** Friday Moonlit River trip. A relaxing way to end the work week. Paddle down the lower Jordan under the light of an almost full moon. Bring your kayaks or canoes and meet at 8:30 PM at the Rogers Rd Access. Don't forget the bug dope! Potluck to follow at the Watershed Center.
- **Aug 15, 2009.** 9:30 AM Saturday Morning Nature Hike: location to be announced
- **Aug 22, 2009** **Time:** _____ Pig Roast Fundraiser to stop the Alba Well. Cedar Bend Farms 1021 Doerr Rd, Chestonia Township ? cost

SEP

- **TBA DATE?** Saturday 9:30 AM-Noon: Adopt a Highway Cleanup and Jordan River Cleanup.
- **TBA Date:** _____ Stream Monitoring. Time: _____ With trained team leaders, you will gather samples from the river to be tested to assess the health of the river. Meet at the Jordan River Watershed Center. Wear shoes or boots that may get wet. Tools will be provided.
- **Sept 12, 2009.** 9:30 AM Saturday Morning Nature Hike: *Changed to Second Saturday due to FOJ Celebration ? location*
- September 19, 2009 Saturday Friends of the Jordan Annual Celebration Time?

OCT

- Oct 11, 2009 Sunday Autumn Afternoon River trip. Paddle down the lower Jordan under the light of an almost full moon Bring your kayaks or canoes and meet at 2:00 PM at the Rogers Rd Access. .
- Oct 17, 2009. 9:30 AM Third Saturday Nature Hike ? location