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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
PO Box 94  
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

May 12, 2017

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## *A River Affair*

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Sunday, June 4

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

State House Lawn  
Historic St. Mary's City



Join us for the seventh anniversary celebration of the St. Mary's River and our campaign for clean water. This event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations from local vendors. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased in advance by check or via PayPal. All proceeds benefit the restoration of the St. Mary's River. For more information email us at [meghan.m.webster@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.m.webster@gmail.com) or call at (301) 904-2387. [Learn more and buy tickets.](#)

## Down to the Last Bottle Cap

### Annual River Clean Up



We live in a plastic world. This unfortunate truth - combined with the uncanny human nature of dissociating our own actions from

their consequences - means there is lots of trash everywhere we look which impedes on the lifestyle and health of the wildlife all around us. On April 8, we had 12 enthusiastic volunteers looking to make a difference, and boy they sure did! We cleaned up Kitts Point, St. Inigoes State Forest collecting 9 bags full of trash, 14 bags containing recyclable materials, 3 tires, and 200 pounds of extraneous bulk trash. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped and those who participated in other clean ups around the county these past weekends!

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## Earth Day

### Ridge Elementary



April 21—Kids from all grade levels at Ridge Elementary had a blast learning about their surrounding world and the fascinating wildlife around them, down to the smallest of them all-BUGS! SMRWA presented many of the macroinvertebrate larva that reside in our streams that keep our waterways healthy and aquatic ecosystem diverse. The kids had a ball identifying what larva they could and learning about why zoologists use macroinvertebrates to assess health of waterways. Thank you, Ridge Elementary, for being such a great audience!



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## SMECO Bike Ride

### Charitable Foundation for SMRWA

SMECO has chosen four environmental groups for their charitable foundation for 2017. SMRWA was chosen for St. Mary's County. As part of their fundraising, SMECO is hosting a 75 mile bike ride. Help

them help us and sign up today to ride or donate if you are unable!  
Visit [smeco.coop/smeco75](http://smeco.coop/smeco75) for more information. Thank you SMECO!

**Sixth Annual June 3, 2017  
SMECO 75 Bike Ride**

Join us at our sixth annual 75-mile bicycle ride. The ride begins at SMECO's headquarters campus in Hughesville on June 3, 2017.

- A 75-mile route for experienced riders and two shorter routes.
- Four rest stops, stocked with appropriate fuel for cyclists, and lunch at the finish.
- Participating cyclists will also receive event-themed items.
- Money raised will go to four different organizations that focus on the environment:

<b>Calvert County</b> American Chestnut Land Trust	<b>Charles County</b> Port Tobacco River Conservancy
<b>Prince George's County</b> Alice Ferguson Foundation	<b>St. Mary's County</b> St. Mary's River Watershed Association

If you can't participate in the event but would like to contribute, please visit [smeco.coop/SMECO75](http://smeco.coop/SMECO75) and use our PayPal button to make a donation, or mail your contribution to SMECO 75, Attn. Natalie Cotton, P.O. Box 74, Hughesville, MD 20637. Please make checks payable to SMECO Charitable Foundation.

[www.smeco.coop/SMECO75](http://www.smeco.coop/SMECO75)

**Sixth Annual June 3, 2017  
SMECO 75 Bike Ride**

**Sign up today**

**Date:** June 3, 2017

**Time:** Packet pick-up/same-day registration, from 7 to 9 a.m.  
Early registration, June 2, from 4 to 6 p.m.

**Place:** 15035 Burnt Store Rd.  
Hughesville, MD

**Cost:** Register\* by May 3: \$40  
May 4–May 26: \$50  
May 27–June 3: \$55

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\* Register by May 3 to guarantee receipt of a shirt.

**WIN A PADDLE BOARD!!**

\$2 a chance, 6 for \$10

Our Raffle is now open to participants!

This year we are raffling off a 10' Stand Up Paddle Board.

[Buy tickets here!](#) All proceeds go to SMRWA.



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## Upcoming Events:

- [DNR's Fishing Rodeo](#)  
Saturday, May 13  
8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
St. Mary's Lake
- Fairlead Academy Rain Garden  
May 17 thru May 19  
SMCPS, WSA, CBT, &  
SMRWA partnership
- [SMECO Bike Ride](#)  
Saturday, June 3  
9 to 5 pm  
15035 Burnt Store Rd.  
Hughesville, MD
- *A River Affair*  
Sunday, June 4  
1 to 4 pm  
Historic St. Mary's City
- St. Clements Island Heritage Day  
Saturday, June 10  
10 am to 3 pm



We're on the web!  
[www.smrwa.org](http://www.smrwa.org)



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St. Clements Island Museum

- CrabFest  
Saturday, June 10  
11 am to 8 pm  
St. Mary's Fairgrounds, Leonardtown



- Saturday, September 23  
11 am to 4 pm  
Historic St. Mary's City

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