

2019 MIDDLE JAMES ROUNDTABLE ANNUAL MEETING

“Restore. Explore. Reconnect. The River is Closer Than You Think”

OCTOBER 17, 2019, 12 – 4 PM

Victory Hall Theatre- Scottsville Center for Arts & Nature
401 Valley Street, Scottsville, VA, 23063.



Agenda

12:00-12:30 Registration

12:30 – 12:45 Welcome & Roundtable Business – Nancy Gill, Mayor, Town of Scottsville, Erin Root, Victory Hall, Nancy Drumheller, MJRT, Betty McCracken, MJRT

1:00 – 1:45 “River of Revenue- Recreation, Scenic Rivers and the Local Economy”- Panel: Linda LaFontaine, Scottsville Chamber of Commerce, Mariah Burgess Rivanna River Company, Lynn Crump, VA DCR, Scenic Rivers
This keynote session will underscore the importance of outdoor recreation and river vistas to local communities. The panel will discuss how natural spaces and adventure tourism benefits the local economy and the quality of life of residents.

1:45 – 2:00 Break

2:00 – 2:45 Breakout Sessions

“Challenging Our Assumptions: Creating Change in Communities”

Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council

Session description to come.

“The Wildrock Way” –

Paige Lindblom, Wildrock

Did you know that kids are spending an average of 7 hours a day on screens and only 7 minutes outside? Wildrock is sounding the alarms on this public health crisis. Join us for an informative session about how we are encouraging nature connection in schools and neighborhoods in our community. This effort includes promoting unstructured nature play, fostering stewardship, and advocating for the importance of spending time outdoors.

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 - 3:45 Breakout Sessions

Nature Journaling- Recording a Place (Limit 20, Must Preregister)

Rhonda Roebuck

Anyone can do this! Find simple ways to sketch and write about a special place. Rhonda will walk you through the steps to make a journal page on place. She will provide all the materials and send you away with ideas to record your "place" at home. This will be fun and hopefully get you started on an interesting project. Everyone should record something about their life!

" Scenic Rivers and the James River Heritage Trail"

Lynn Crump, Jennifer Wampler, VA DCR

In this interactive session, learn about Virginia's Scenic Rivers program and current studies within the Middle James watershed. Celebrate what The Virginia's Scenic Rivers Program has accomplished over the past 50 years and about learning opportunities and field trips at an upcoming national river symposium in Richmond. Learn about the parallel planning efforts for the James River Heritage Trail and how you can contribute and get more involved.

3:45 – 4:00 Meeting Ends

4:00 Networking at Local Venues in Scottsville

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