

April River Days

A Week of Celebration and Action for the Verde
April 17-25, 2009

Friday, April 17

River Week Opening Celebration! **Tony Norris** and **The Springfed Band** and **Soul Creek** in concert at the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset Ave. 7 p.m., \$7 at the door. Contact Edie Dillon at eadwellspring@yahoo.com. Co-sponsored by the Center for Biological Diversity and The Folk Sessions.

Saturday, April 18

Community Earth Day Celebration, Granite Creek Park Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Granite Creek Cleanup, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by music, fun, and information. Contact Prescott Creeks at (928) 445-5669 or Open Space Alliance at (928) 717-1116.

Sunday, April 19

Yoga Workshop. Three separate hour long sessions to help you flow while you help the flow of the Verde. Yoga leaders Barb Poe, Kelly Grey with Jesse Pursley on didgeridoo, and Bill Garrett. Benefit for the Center for Biological Diversity. \$10 suggested donation each session. Prescott College Chapel, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Verde Springs Hike led by veteran naturalist, Joanne Oellers, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration required. Contact joanneoellers@yahoo.com or (928) 772-8204.

Tuesday, April 21

What Would the Lorax Say? Special children's program at the Prescott Public Library, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Prescott Public Library Youth Services Department, (928) 777-1537.

Wednesday, April 22

Earth Day at Prescott College. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m, outdoors in the parking area directly across from the Crossroads courtyard. Information on green living, including Center for Biological Diversity booth focusing on the need for mitigation of pumping impacts on the Verde River. Contact Tami Reed at treed@prescott.edu.

Watershed Wednesday! The Raven Café Earthday event. Celtic and world music for the Verde w/Connie Fisher at 7 p.m. See the Raven Café calendar at ravencafe.com.

THIRST Film & Discussion. Is water part of a shared "commons," a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold, and traded in a global marketplace? (www.thirstthemovie.org) 6:30 p.m., Prescott College Crossroads Center, Main Room. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Center, JustPeaceAZ@gmail.com.

Thursday, April 23

Verde River Stream Ecology Symposium. Poster session presenting research by students in Stream Ecology taught by Angela Moline, PhD., Prescott College Chapel, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact amoline@prescott.edu.

The Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival, through the 26th. Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood, AZ. For more information, visit www.birdyverde.org.

Friday, April 24

Is the Southwest Running Dry? Movie night sponsored by Citizens Water Advocacy Group. Free popcorn! 7 p.m. at the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset Ave. Contact Art at artman05@prodigy.net.

Saturday, April 25

Grow Native, Spring Plant Sale and Educational Festival. Sale of native low water plants and presentations on waterwise landscaping and water harvesting, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$5 covers admission and much information. Contact (928)776-9550, highlands@cableone.net.

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River Safety and Rescue Course, Lead Instructor Brad DeVries, American Canoe Association certified Swiftwater Rescue Instructor. Participants should meet at Beasley Flats River Access on the Verde River ready to start at 8 a.m. and in class & on the water until 6:00 p.m. \$40 per participant to cover the cost of insurance and materials. Contact instructor at triangleforge@yahoo.com if you intend to participate.

Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, through the 26th. Manzanita Village Co-housing. Prescott Water Conservation Program incentive talk. Contact Shawn Rydell at (928) 777-1130.

All Week: *River Running Trips* on the mighty Verde River are offered at cost by Sedona Outdoor Adventures. Contact them for details on this special opportunity at (877) 673-3661 or www.sedonaadventuretours.com.

All of April: Exhibit: Wonderful photography and information on the upper Verde River and the life that depends on it at the Prescott College Library.

Exhibit: Water Smart Display in Prescott Public Library. Low Flow toilets, irrigation audits, rainwater harvesting, emphasis on the 2010 new products in the Prescott Water Conservation Incentive Program.

April is *Water Awareness Month!* Sedona WaterWise Alliance is sponsoring several events. Calendar is available at www.sustainablearizona.org.

Coming Up! All of May

Art and Poetry Exhibit: at Coffee Roasters on Gurley Street. This exhibit features poetry about water by local and nationally known poets and photographs of the Verde River which celebrate the beauty of Arizona's Green heart.