



Family Fun Day goes to Strasburg

In June we were thrilled to work with the Town of Strasburg to combine our annual Family Fun Day conservation event with their new Father's Day Float. Partner organization brought exhibits, wildlife, paddleboards, and more. We look forward to another great day on the river next June. The watermelon eating contest was especially popular with the kids!



Seven Bends State Park Update

On August 30th the Department of Conservation and Recreation held a public meeting to discuss potential changes to the Seven Bends State Park Master Plan. One of the biggest proposed changes was the elimination of a road linking the two sides of the Park. Construction of this road on the side of Massanutten Mountain poses both engineering and environmental challenges.

About 30 people attended and several shared concerns about the access to the Park on narrow roads. DCR is considering all the input.

Over the next several months you will likely see Park Closed signs. The demolition of buildings requires the Park to shut down entirely for safety reasons.

We are looking forward to picnic shelters, vault toilets, and hand-carry canoe/kayak launches for next summer. You'll hear a lot more from us about the Park's eventual opening in 2019.

(Friends of the North Fork serves as the official Community support organization for Seven Bends State Park).

Open House

Friday, December 7th, 5 to 7

Join us at the Friends office
305 West Court Street, Woodstock

Great food, drink, and people

Come on by! Bring friends!

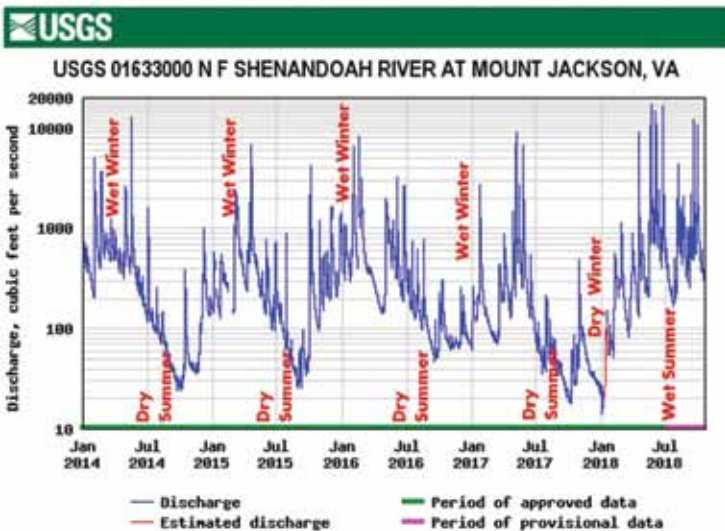




Summer Camps 2018

It was a challenging year on the river. High water kept the kids in the creeks, but they still had a great time! Science education can be pretty fun.

Wet Summer Breaks Pattern



The River goes Up and Down, but Your Giving Doesn't Have To!

Please become a recurring donor to Friends of the North Fork and give monthly or annually with an automatic renewal.

Visit our website to sign up or contact our office if you need more information.

Thank you for your support!

Fish Fry 2018

Coming together to support the river

Thanks to all the auction donors (below), sponsors, volunteers, and happy participants at this year's Fish Fry and Auction. We raised a lot of money and shared a lot of laughs.

PJ Designs	Bobby Wilinski
Monica Grimes Studio	Murray's Fly Shop
Kay Ely-Pierce	Jay Eiche
Natural Art Garden Center	AJ Price
Hugo Kohl	The Quilting Shed
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Moo Manor Beef	Brent Blackwelder
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Workshops Make for a Busy Winter

Join us for these upcoming workshops at Strasburg High School.

Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshops

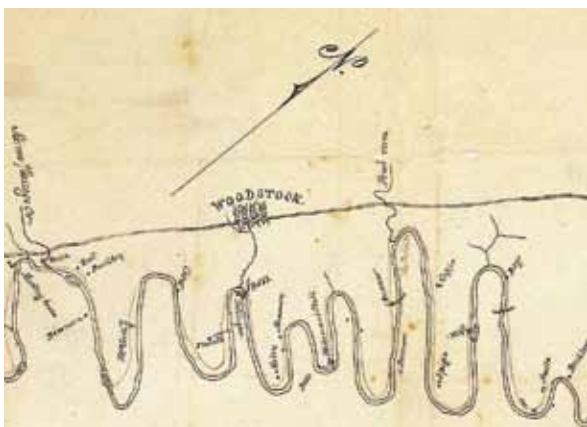
Strasburg High School
December 5, 2018 6:00 to 7:00
December 8, 2018 2:00 to 3:00

Build a Wildlife Box Workshop

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Visit our website for registration information and more dates for future workshops.

1832 Map of the Shenandoah River



Lena Fuller was one of Friends of the North Fork's earliest laboratory volunteers. When she was thinking about where to donate a beautiful full-size copy of the 1832 "Trace of the Map of the Shenandoah River Surveyed by James Herron," she knew we would value it as she has. Mrs. Fuller had this copy made from the original at the Library of Virginia years ago and wanted to be sure it was available for others to see and enjoy. Come by the office sometime to check it out.

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River Cleanup and State Park Work Day

On November 10 two dedicated crews ventured into the chill to find trash and treasure. One group worked upstream near New Market. The other group did some river cleanup near Woodstock and other projects at Seven Bends State Park. While the weather was chilly, volunteers stayed warm with lots of work. We appreciate their help and dedication to keeping the North Fork clean, healthy, and beautiful.



Thanks to All the Businesses Who Supported Our Programs in 2018!

