

## Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (KLEAN) - Update for May 2007

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**WELCOME** to the Kingston Lake Environment Awareness Network (KLEAN)!

About once a month, you will receive an e-update with the latest information about Kingston Lake, Crabtree Swamp, and the Waccamaw River. Let's see what's happening in the month of May.

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### Upcoming Events

The next meeting of the Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission will be held on **May 16th at 6 PM**. Commission meetings are held in Conway City Hall on 3rd Avenue and Main Street in the conference room on the first floor. A public input period is always scheduled.

The Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board will hold its regular meeting on **May 22nd from 3-5 PM**. Meetings are held at the Horry County Government and Justice Center on 2nd Avenue in Conway. A public input period is always scheduled.

Do you love the Waccamaw river? Do you want to keep it clean and healthy for swimming, fishing, boating and native flora and fauna? Do you want to get involved in a cleanup and be eligible to win great prizes? If so, you'll want to participate in American Rivers' National River Cleanup Week 2007 and show that you do *Love Your River!* The week long event is scheduled for **June 2 through 10**. Pick your day and I'll supply the trash bags by June 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, contact the Waccamaw Riverkeeper at (843) 349-4007 or [wrk@coastal.edu](mailto:wrk@coastal.edu) <<mailto:wrk@coastal.edu>>. Let's show the nation how much we love our river!

Volunteers who participate in a cleanup anywhere along the river during the first week of June are eligible for great prizes! Get a great photo or video (yourself, your group, the trash you've collected, the "before and after" cleanup shots or another subject that best represents your successful river cleanup), and submit it to American Rivers or YouTube to be eligible for some great prizes. If you're an elementary, middle or high school student, write a "trash talk" essay to be eligible for great prizes. Check out the contest requirements at <<http://www.nationalrivercleanup.org/center/contests.php>>.

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### Learn More

Are you worried about water quality in the Waccamaw River? Do you want to contribute? Or just learn more? Check out the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring website ([http://www.coastal.edu/envsci/vm\\_project.html](http://www.coastal.edu/envsci/vm_project.html))! Trained teams of volunteers use testing equipment at ten locations along the river in South Carolina ([http://www.coastal.edu/envsci/vm\\_photos.html](http://www.coastal.edu/envsci/vm_photos.html)). The multi-purpose program is designed to complement the state's testing and include the data in their water quality reports, meet public involvement and education objectives for local stormwater programs, and assist in illicit discharge detection. A project coordinator makes sure that testing meets the quality control guidelines of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To access the data collected by the volunteers, visit [http://www.coastal.edu/envsci/vm\\_data.html](http://www.coastal.edu/envsci/vm_data.html). For more information, contact Davinder Randhawa, project coordinator, at [drandhaw@coastal.edu](mailto:drandhaw@coastal.edu) or 843-349-6586.

If you are looking for a speaker for your group's next meeting, why not book a presentation about the story of water quality and stormwater around Conway? Dr. Susan Libes of Coastal Carolina University is available for a 20-min slide show geared for citizen groups. For more information, contact David Fuss at 843-349-4023 or [dfuss@coastal.edu](mailto:dfuss@coastal.edu).

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