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2009 Events and Programs

Patch Workshops

Scout Workshops at the National Great Rivers Museum are offered for groups of up to 25. Workshops are free and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Make a reservation and plan your field trip to include at least one hour in the exhibits before or after your workshop. To schedule workshops, contact the National Great Rivers Museum at 618-462-6979. To view all the Girl Scouts of the River Bluffs programming, check out their 2008-2009 online [Leaders Book](#).



Brownies



Lock and Dam Tour: Tour the largest dam on the Mississippi River. This can be done just for fun!

Milk Carton Bird Feeder: Make a recycled bird feeder. This fulfills a requirement for: Eco-Explorer

Nature Hike: Hike through native prairie and wetlands. This fulfills a requirement for: Hobbies, Earth and Sky, Eco-Explorer, Outdoor Adventurer

Seining: Prepare to get wet as you take a closer look at wetland wildlife. This fulfills a requirement for: Water Wonders and Eco-Explorer

Juniors

Junior Girl Scouts at the National Great Rivers Museum



Lock and Dam Tour: Tour the largest dam on the Mississippi River.

This fulfills a requirement for: Water Wonders and Nature

Hike: Hike through native prairie and wetlands. This fulfills a requirement for: Camp Together, Earth Connections, Hiker, Finding Your way, Wildlife, Your Outdoor Surroundings, and "Doing" Hobbies

River Clean-up: Give back to the community by helping to keep the river clean. This fulfills a requirement for: My Community, Earth Connections, Eco-Action, Hiker, Wildlife, and Water Wonders

Seining: Be prepared to get wet as you take a closer look at wetland wildlife. This fulfills a requirement for: Camp Together, Water Fun, Wildlife, Water Wonders,

Science Discovery

Geo-Caching: Use GPS units to go on a treasure hunt. This fulfills a requirement for: "Doing" Hobbies, Exploring Technology, and Finding Your Way

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[Junior Brochure](#)



All Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts can earn their Riverland Rat Patch by visiting the National Great Rivers Museum and completing the requirements for their scout rank. Riverland rat patches are available in the museum bookstore for \$2.95 each.

[Click Here to Download Requirements](#)

Geocaching Workshops

Where: Environmental Learning Facility in West Alton, MO

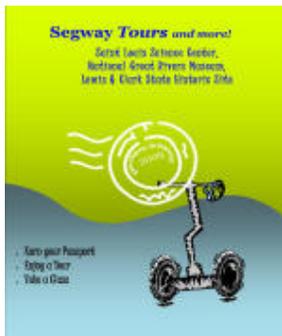
When: Every Saturday at 9:00 in June, July, and August

Park Rangers from the National Great Rivers Museum provide GPS units and demonstrate how to find hidden "caches". These FREE workshops last approximately 2 hours and are open to the general public.

Visitors need to dress for the weather - as these are outside workshops. Limited to 10 people per workshop. To pre-register call 618-462-6979. For geocache coordinates and other caches hidden in the Alton area visit the [Official Geocaching website](#).



Segway Tour preparing to depart



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NEW: Segway Passport Tours

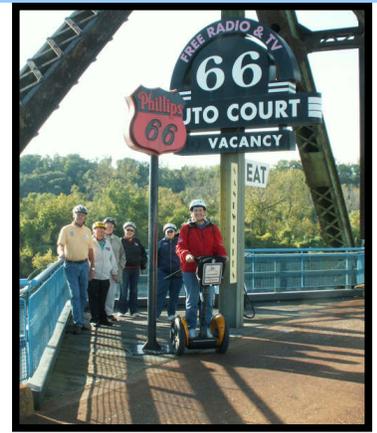
Riders must have their segway license to qualify for the passport tours. These tours will be offered at special dates & times. Riders can take a passport tour for \$70 per person. To make Segway reservations call 314-289-4439. For additional tour dates, visit the Saint Louis Science Center Segway tour website at www.slsc.org, click on Adult Programming.

Taste of Alton Segway Tour: This 3 hour glided tour includes training and Segway Licensing, lunch at [My Just Deserts](#), and historic tour of the levee into downtown Alton. Dates: April 4, 18, May 2, 30, June 27, July 11, 25, August 8, 22, September, 5, 19, October 3, 17 from 10-1:00 p. m. Cost: \$95 Location: National Great Rivers Museum Reservations: 314-289-4439 Minimum age: 12 years Weight Limit: Min. 100 lbs. / Max. 260

Taste of Hartford Segway Tour: This 3 hour tour includes training and Segway Licensing, lunch at [Hartford Ribs](#), and historic tour through the camp and along the levee into downtown Hartford. Dates: April 11, 25, May 9, 23, June 6, 20, July 4, 18, August 1, 15, 29, September 12, 26 and October 10, 24 from 10-1:00 p.m. Cost: \$95 Location: Lewis and Clark State Historic Site Reservations: 314-289-4439 Minimum age: 12 years Weight Limit: Min. 100 lbs. / Max. 260

Alton Glided Tour: Learn to ride a segway, glide along the Mississippi River Levee, see many historic sites in Alton, window shop on Broadway and tour the [National Great Rivers Research and Education Center](#). This is a 3 hour tour including training. Dates: April 7, 21, May 5, 19, June 2, 16, 30 July 14, 28, August 11, 25 Sept 8, 22, Oct 6, 20, 2009 from 4-7 p.m. in April, May, Sept, Oct and 5-8 p.m. in June, July & August. Cost: \$80 Location: National Great Rivers Museum Reservations: 314-289-4439 Minimum age: 12 years Weight Limit: Min. 100 lbs. / Max. 260

Meet Me on 66 Tour: Reminiscence the Mother Road as you glide across the [Old Route 66 Chain of Rocks Bridge](#) and along the Bluffs to North Riverview Park. This 3 hour glided tour also includes segway training and licensing. Dates: April 12, 26, May 10, June 7, 21, July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 30, September 13, 27 and October 4, 18 from 10 - 1 p.m. *Riders must be 16 years old to ride in Missouri. Cost: \$80 Location: Chain of Rocks Bridge - Illinois Side Reservations: 314-289-4439 Minimum age: 12 years Weight Limit: Min. 100 lbs. / Max. 260



Segway Basic Training: Fall into formation in this quick 1.5 hour Segway class. Listen to your instructor and you'll be a Licensed Segway Operator - First Class! Dates: April 25, May 16, June 13 from 10:30-12 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person Location: Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary Reservations: 314-289-4439 Minimum age: 12 years Weight Limit: Min. 100 lbs. / Max. 260

Segway 5-4-5's: Want to learn how to ride a Segway, but don't have the time for a class? Why not try out Segway 5-4-5? You get quick instruction and five minutes to ride a Segway. Dates: April 25, 12-4 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person Location: Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary No Reservations Needed-First Come, First Serve Minimum age: 16 years Weight Limit: Min. 100 lbs. / Max. 260



Bird house building



April 25, 2009

[Wings of Spring](#)

Where: Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary

When: 10 am - 4 pm

This annual Confluence Birding Festival features off-site birding trips, arts and entertainment, birding exhibits and vendors, family centered educational activities, live bird meet and greets, and much more. Free with some fees for off-site birding trips. For more information call 1-800-258-6645 or visit <http://>

www.wingsofspring.org

Girl Scouts can register to attend the Wings of Spring event and earn their All About Birds Patch. Register by calling 618-692-0692. For more girl scout patch information visit www.riverbluffs.org



May 16, 2009

[Great River Rendezvous](#)

Where: Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary & National Great Rivers Museum

When: 10-4 p.m.

Registration Required for Race, Clinic and Tours - Pre-Registration Highly Encouraged! Register online at www.greatriverwatertrail.org

The event is designed to introduce visitors to the wonderful paddling opportunities along the Mississippi

River and in the surrounding areas. This event promises to be rewarding and memorable with a combination of a 20 mile river race (Grafton to Alton), social paddles, skill clinics, family paddles, food and music. Kayak Race Begins from Grafton at 10 a.m. and ends at Ellis Bay in West Alton, MO. Clubs, shops, and spectators are all invited to attend. The Great River Rendezvous has something for everyone. The Rendezvous will bring paddling enthusiasts together to promote the newly established water trails on the Mississippi River while adhering to standards of safety, efficiency and visitor satisfaction. The water trail designates a recreational pathway on the river between specific points, containing access points, day use, and /or primitive camping sites for the boating public. Water trails create educational opportunities, promote a healthy economy and high quality of life while preserving natural and cultural heritage. In addition, this program emphasizes low environmental impact activities and promotes varied use of the River's natural resources. This year the Great River Rendezvous will also encompass the former Mid-America River Expo held at the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton, IL. Tying the two events together will provide additional opportunities for visitors and promote safety on the water. Additional offerings will include a boater safety education class and numerous family activities. Pre-register for the Boating Safety Class by calling 618-462-6979.

Proceeds to benefit [Treehouse Wildlife Center](#) Charity of Madison County. For more information visit www.greatriverwatertrail.org or call 314-518-0950.

June 6, 2009 - **Offsite Event** **Pere Marquette Fishing Fair**

Where: Pere Marquette State Park

When: 10-4 p.m.

Do you want to learn to fish or to become a better angler? The Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair, offers fun and education for the entire family.

The Fishing Fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6th at Pere Marquette State Park, five miles north of Grafton, Illinois on Illinois Route 100. The event is co-sponsored by Pere Marquette State Park, which is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge, which is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Information for beginning anglers and lots of fun activities for the kids are just part of the festivities. Fair goers will learn knot tying, fish identification, fish cleaning, casting, water safety and many other skills, plus lots of free gifts and prizes!

There will be favorite activities from previous years, such as a 5,000 gallon aquarium stocked with many of the local fish found in the Illinois River, Camo the Clown and the popular trout pond. We will also introduce some new stations, which we hope families will enjoy. Pro Bass Angler Chad Morgenthaler will be teaching fishing techniques this year!

There is no charge to attend the fair or catch a fish. No license or fishing gear is needed.

There will be numerous seminars at the aquarium, where several local experts will be speaking. Food, refreshments, and entertainment will be available at the fair. Radio Station 93.7FM, The Bull, will be providing music for this year's event and FredBird ® will attend the Fair from Noon – 1:00 P.M.

For more information contact Pere Marquette State Park at 618-786-3323.

June 5 & 6, 2009

Wonders of Wildlife - W.O.W. School - Offsite Event

Where: Forest Park

When: TBA

W.O.W. National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School teaches participants how to enjoy a wide range of outdoor recreation activities while practicing personal safety and outdoor responsibility. Each course will include an outdoor skill, conservation, safety, and ethics component.



To request more information call Wonders of Wildlife at 1-877-245-9453 or Missouri Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-334-6946.



Bike, kayak, and 1.5 mile race run prepares to start.

June 13, 2009

National Get Outdoors Day

Where: Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary

When: TBA

Launched in 2008, this annual event encourages healthy, active outdoor fun so that families can experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. Activities include a rock climbing wall, Riverlands challenge, canoeing/kayaking, geocaching, bird hikes and many more fun outdoor activities. Register for the races by calling 618-462-6979. For more information regarding this special celebration visit [Official National Get Outdoors Day](#) web site.

June 15-19, 2009

Summer Camp "Great River Ramble" - Grades 4-6th

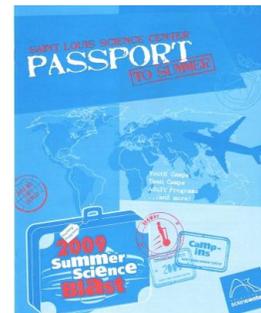
Where: National Great Rivers Museum

When: 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

What makes a river great? You'll find out as you lace up your hiking shoes and explore the natural wonders of the Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois rivers. The Saint Louis Science Center and the Meeting of the Rivers Foundation at the National Great Rivers Museum have teamed up to offer this bi-state adventure that will take you from the Saint Louis Science Center to the Riverbend Region of Alton, Illinois.

Campers will travel between locations via bus and boat, escorted by the Science Center and Army Corps of Engineers staff and volunteers. Campers should bring a sack lunch each day.

Register by calling 314-289-4439. Cost \$250.00 per camper.



July 27-31, 2009

Summer Camp "Great River Trek" - Grades 7-12th

Where: National Great Rivers Museum

When: 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Register by calling 314-289-4439. Cost \$250.00 per camper.

For a complete catalog of Saint Louis Science Center summer camp offerings or to get registration instructions, call (314) 289-4439 or visit www.slsc.org.

June 23 & 24, 2009

Island Adventure

Where: Riverlands Environmental Learning Facility, 301 Riverlands Way, West Alton, MO

When: 8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Register through the Lewis & Clark Community College Office of Continuing Education at 618-468-LCCC.

July 3, 2009

Alton Fireworks

Where: Alton Riverfront

When: Grounds open at 5 pm

Annual Fireworks Festival presented by the Alton Exposition Commission features great food and entertainment. The fireworks display will be at 9 pm. Free and open to the general public. For more information call 618-463-3526. Fireworks can be viewed from the grounds at the National Great Rivers Museum.

July 14 & 15, 2009

Island Adventure

Where: Riverlands Environmental Learning Facility, 301 Riverlands Way, West Alton, MO

When: 8:00 - 5:00 p.m

Register through the Lewis & Clark Community College Office of Continuing Education at 618-468-LCCC.



Night at the Museum Cast of Characters

July 31, 2009

Night at the Museum II

Where: National Great Rivers Museum

When: Friday 2 p.m. - 8 a.m. Saturday

Bring your Girl Scout Troop, earn patches and spend the night at the National Great Rivers Museum!

Earn badges and explore the museum after-hours. There's also many chances to discover new things about the Mississippi River, Alton's rich heritage and the people that work or live near the river.

Program includes dinner, movie, popcorn, t-shirt and patch programs. Participants can pitch their tents on the back promenade and sleep out under the stars next to the river. \$32 per person.

REGISTRATION: Deadline to register is Tuesday, July 7, 2009 by 5:00 pm. Mail fee and registration form to Corporate Service Center. Include event account # 66 on registration form. **MINIMUM:** 50 /

MAXIMUM: 150 Corporate Service Center mailing address: GSRBC Corporate Service Center #4 Ginger Creek Parkway, Glen Carbon, IL 62034 Attn: Sharon Miller, 618-692-0692/800-345-6858, ext. 138 Fax: 618-345-0685 • smiller@riverbluffs.org



Museum Volunteers aboard the M/V Mississippi Towboat

August 2009

M/V Mississippi Open House

Where: National Great Rivers Museum

When: TBA

Tour the largest towboat in America while it is docked at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam.



September 12 & 13, 2009

Parkpalooza-Offsite Event

Where: Gateway Arch (Jefferson National Expansion Memorial)

When: TBA

In a festival environment, families and children will be introduced to the opportunities for fun, education, and recreation that exist in the parks across the country.

Some of the featured activities will include: • Arts and entertainment • Back country adventures • Biking • Boat simulator • Fishing • Geo-caching • Hands-on craft activities • Hiking • Historic character portrayals (e.g., Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt) • Learning how to pack a backpack • Living history demonstrations • Music and dance • Nature walks • Orienteering • Reel

casting • Rock climbing (two climbing walls) • Setting up campsites (e.g., pitching a tent) •

Simulated archeology dig • Wildlife encounters For more info www.parkpalooza.org

2010 Eagle Programs

Where: National Great Rivers Museum

When: TBA

Eagle Meet & Greets will be held during January and February.

Masters of the Sky shows will be held February 13, 14, 15, 2010.



All Programs Sponsored by the **'Meeting of the Rivers Foundation'**

Our picnic shelters and Indoor Classroom may be reserved for parties, special occasions, family gatherings and more! School programs and tours available all year long. Consider volunteering at the National Great Rivers Museum. There are opportunities for Melvin Price Locks and Dam tour guides, receptionists and store clerks in the Confluence Bookstore. For more information, please call (618) 462-6979.