

# RIVERSPEAK

WINTER 2014

2014 was a busy year, the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® worked to protect clean water by hosting numerous litter cleanups, environmental education sessions, advocacy efforts, water monitoring and so much more.

## 2014 Highlights:

### Community Cleanups

The Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® and landing adoptees held 17 cleanups where 2710 pounds of trash and 1060 pounds of recycling were picked up!



### 2014 RIVER CELEBRATION

A benefit for the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER®. A wonderful time was had by all who attended this year's event. A perfect evening on the river with live music, delicious food and a successful auction. Thanks to all who supported the event!



### Education

Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® informed approximately 1400 people including tourists, the general public, and K-12 students about the importance of water quality and the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program by attending festivals, speaking to concerned groups, and conducting environmental education in the K-12 school system.

### Water Sampling

Our volunteers collected 414 water samples at 18 sites along the Waccamaw River in both North and South Carolina.

### New Staff

The Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® welcomed new staff members including a new Riverkeeper, Paula Reidhaar, and a new Coastal Waccamaw Watershed Education Programs Coordinator, Lisa Prendergast Swanger.

## Upcoming Events

### Waccamaw Conference 2015: CLEAN

(Community Learning and Environmental Awareness Now)

We will be bringing back the Waccamaw Conference in 2015!

The event will take place: Saturday January 31st from 8:00am-12:30pm at the HGTC Conference Center on Crabtree Lane at:

950 Crabtree Lane  
Myrtle Beach, SC (same location as 2013).

Speakers include: USGS, SC DNR, TNC, CCU Professors/Researchers, American Rivers and Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. Register via Eventbrite [here](#) , call 843-349-4007, or email [riverkeeper@winyahivers.org](mailto:riverkeeper@winyahivers.org) to reserve tickets and then pay at the door.

### Rain Barrel Sale

For 2015 we will be hosting a rain barrel sale along with the conference. Check out the great deal available through RainWater Solutions <http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/riverkeeper>



### 2015 Hobnob at Hobcaw

We are once again hosting our event at the Kimbel Pond Shelter at Hobcaw Barony. Join us Saturday March 14th from 4pm until whenever for fun, food, and festivities. More information coming soon.

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#### Our Mission

The Winyah Rivers Foundation works to protect, preserve, monitor and revitalize the health of the lands and waters of the greater Winyah Bay watershed. The Waccamaw Riverkeeper® focuses on the Waccamaw River, but as part of the Winyah Rivers Foundation will conduct work on the other rivers of the Winyah Bay Watershed as well.

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