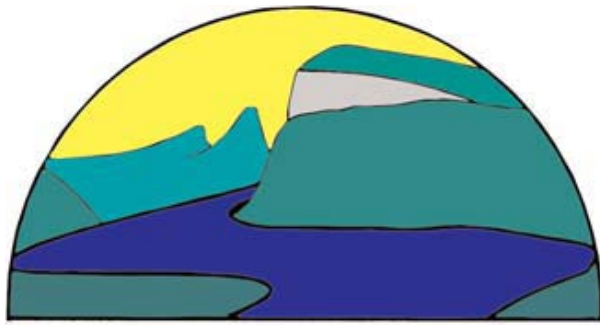




The Catawba Valley Heritage Alliance, Western Piedmont Council of Governments, City of Hickory, Duke Energy and Reese Institute for the Conservation of Natural Resources at Lenoir-Rhyne College invite you to attend the:

Sixth Annual Catawba RiverFest



Saturday, September 13, 2008
Bud Geitner Park in Hickory
10 am - 3 pm
Free Admission

There's something for everyone at RIVERFEST!

WATER DERBY, CANOE AND KAYAK RACES with PRIZES

Registration: 10:00 - 11:00 am Derby: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Life jackets required. All levels of experience, all ages (adult and under 12 categories). Bring your own canoe or kayak. Prizes offered in part by **Outdoor Supply Company**.

CHILDREN'S CANOE BASICS

Offered by the Dragon Flies 4-H Club FREE of charge.

ECO TOURS

Enjoy an Eco Tour of Lake Hickory with the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation in their patrol boat.

WANT TO TRY OUT A CANOE OR KAYAK?

See a wide selection of boats for you to try out, FREE of charge. Offered by: **Confluence Water Sports**, makers of Dagger, Perception, Mad River Canoes and Wilderness Systems Kayaks, and **Current Designs**.



CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER

Displays of live hawks, owls and eagles up close and personal.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS CONCERNING RIVER ISSUES

Learn how the Catawba River is the center of our ecosystem.

Exhibitors: Catawba Science Center, Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation, Carolina Thread Trail, N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, Wildlife Resources Commission, NC State Parks and Recreation Department, NC Division of Air Quality, Catawba Valley Outing Club, Dragonflies 4-H Club, Duke Energy Lake Management, NC Science House, Carolina Bird Club, Catawba Valley Paddle Trails Association, Master Gardeners, Reese Institute for the Conservation of Natural Resources at Lenoir-Rhyne College...and many more!

LIVE HARD-DRIVING BLUEGRASS MUSIC

Strictly Clean and Decent of Lenoir

FREE MAPS OF THE UPPER CATAWBA RIVER PADDLING TRAIL

GREAT FOOD at GREAT PRICES

Food available from several food vendors, including tasty wood-fired brick oven pizza!



WIN! WIN! WIN! RAFFLE FOR 9.5 FT. FEATHERLITE HERITAGE KAYAK!

With paddle. Tickets on sale at Outdoor Supply in Hickory or at the Festival.

For more information log on to the Catawba Valley Heritage Alliance website:
www.heritagealliance.org or call (828) 465-2755