

# THE CATALYST

## SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:** Thursday 7/13/06 at 7 pm at Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop provided. 6/8/06 Meeting Attendance: J. Belgreden, C. Cooper, T. Danehy, C. Denholm, M. Dunn, D. Johnson, V. Kefeli, S. Smith, S. VanDerWal, K. Williams

### Don't Miss Harrisville Community Days!! July 4th!!



Join the fun this July 4th at Harrisville Community Days, located at the Harrisville Park off Route 8 just a few miles east of Grove City! Participants of the **Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition** and **Jennings Environmental Education Center** will be at this enjoyable event and look forward to meeting and talking with community members! The SRWC and JEEC will have interesting and educational activities, demonstrations, and booths, including: fish-printing, tie-dying using AMD, live macroinvertebrates, an historic coal mining game with artifacts, AMD samples with test kits and experiments, samples of coal, limestone, sandstone, and more!

This event has drawn 10,000 people in the past, and with the following events and activities planned, is sure to attract a large crowd again this Independence Day!

#### Events Schedule:

10:00 am Volleyball  
 12:00 pm Parade  
 1:00-2:00 pm Dan Schall Gospel  
 2:00 pm Opening Ceremony w/ Guest Speakers  
     Dick Stevenson, Jim Kennedy, and more;  
     Pet Parade to follow  
 3:00-4:00 pm Hanna Band  
 4:00-5:00 pm DEO Gospel Band  
 5:00-6:00 pm Harrisville Band  
 6:00-10:00 pm Ask Trapper John  
 6:00-9:00 pm Brothers and Friends Band  
 10:00 pm FIREWORKS!

#### Planned Activities:

Rides and Games  
 Bingo 3:00-10:00 pm (between 4:00-5:00 pm  
     special payout will be \$25 per game)  
 Crafters & Businesses Booths  
 Food Vendors  
 Chinese Auction  
 Sword Fencing Demo  
 C.A.E.S.A.R. (Canine Aided Emergency Search  
     and Rescue) 3:00 pm  
 Raffle tickets for sale (1st Prize: \$500)  
  
 Froggy Radio 95.1 FM will broadcast live from  
 3:00-5:00 pm!

### Get "Back to Basics" at the AMD Conference

The **8th Annual Pennsylvania Statewide Conference on Abandoned Mine Reclamation** will be held **August 24 to 26** at the Atherton Hotel in State College. The theme of this year's AMD and AMR Conference is "Back to Basics." This will be a time for presenting basic materials to watershed groups on subjects important to them. Workshops related to outreach, policy, science, and watershed planning will be offered to attendees.

The program will feature presentations on passive mine drainage treatment systems, evaluating water monitoring results, identification of funding sources for projects, AMD chemistry, an update on SMCRA Title 4 Reauthorization, and much more! Watershed groups, public agencies, consultants, local and state officials will all be in attendance to network and share their craft.

Check the Statewide AMD and AMR Conference website [www.treatminewater.com](http://www.treatminewater.com) for more information or to register for the conference. The conference is being coordinated by the Western and Eastern Pennsylvania Coalitions for Abandoned Mine Reclamation. To learn more, visit their websites: [www.amrclearinghouse.org/WPCAMR/index.html](http://www.amrclearinghouse.org/WPCAMR/index.html) and [www.orangewaternetwork.org](http://www.orangewaternetwork.org)

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Western PA Environmental Award winners and finalists.

### **BioMost Wins 2006 Western PA Environmental Award!**

On May 25 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh, **BioMost, Inc.** employees were thrilled to be awarded the **2006 Western PA Environmental Award** in the “Business” category. The Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards Program honors outstanding achievements of organizations, companies, and individuals in a wide range of environmental initiatives throughout the region. The awards pay tribute to those who have demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence, leadership, and accomplishment in their respective fields. **Dominion** and the **PA Environmental Council** are the sponsors of this awards program, which they use to encourage and promote innovative environmental efforts and the enhancement of the quality of life in Western Pennsylvania.

BioMost, Inc. is an environmental firm involved in the design, development, and installation of passive systems to treat abandoned coal mine drainage throughout Western Pennsylvania. Attending the May 25 awards program to support BioMost, Inc. were: **Tim Danehy, Annette Danehy, Bob Danehy, Sylvia Danehy, Cliff Denholm, Katherine Denholm, Margaret Dunn, Arlene Ham, John Ham, and Stan Sattinger, from the Montour Run Watershed Association (MRWA).**

***Thanks to Montour Run Watershed Association for nominating BioMost, Inc.!*** BioMost has worked with the Montour Run Watershed Association for the past several years to help restore the stream from the affects of abandoned mine drainage. Partnering with the Montour Run Watershed Association, BioMost has aided in the reduction of pollution and community outreach and education within the watershed, resulting in the rapid implementation and acquisition of funding for four abandoned mine drainage treatment facilities.



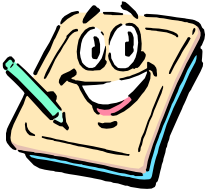
To learn more, visit the BioMost, Inc. web site at [www.biomost.com](http://www.biomost.com).

Congratulations to the other award winners for 2006:

**Community Category: Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy**

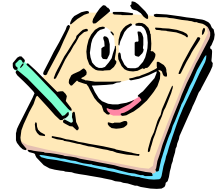
**Primary/Secondary Education: Powdermill Nature Reserve, Currents Connecting Cultures**

**Higher Education: PENNTAP-ETAC Penn State McKeesport Partnership**



# The KIDS Catalyst

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



## Summer Scrambler

Summer is here! Below are some scrambled up words that have to do with summer. Use the clues to write the word on each line. Choose one of the sentences to draw a picture of in the frame at the bottom of the page. If you send us your paper, we will mail you a free gift certificate! And maybe your drawing will even appear in a future issue of the Catalyst!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

- We celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ Day on July 4th with parades, picnics, and fireworks!  
CEDENIDNENPE
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is a fun insect to catch in a jar at night because part of its body lights up.  
LFIRFYE
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the first birds to sing in the morning and one of the last at night. These birds eat earthworms, fruit, and insects.  
BONIR
- This hopping mammal likes to eat the flowers and vegetables in your summer gardens! \_\_\_\_\_  
RTBABI
- You might catch trout, perch, and bass if you try \_\_\_\_\_.  
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## **Riverboat Cruise Reminder!**

You won't want to miss the **5th Annual Ohio River Watershed Celebration**, set for **Thursday, September 21st!!!** Everyone is invited to join us aboard the Gateway Clipper as we sail the Allegheny River on its largest vessel, the *Majestic*, lock through the Highland Park Lock and Dam, and learn about river topics, watershed work, energy issues, and more, in fun and exciting ways! This event includes participation by watershed groups, citizens, businesses, local, state, and federal government reps, students and educators. Join us as we network with those involved with the Allegheny, Ohio, and Monongahela Rivers and celebrate the fact that the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources has named our Three Rivers the "**Rivers of the Year!**" Spend some time at the more than 40 poster displays that will be on board, and learn what local watershed groups and environmental organizations are doing to improve the quality of water, air, and life in western Pennsylvania and adjacent states in the Ohio River Watershed. **Attendees will vote for the best display by a watershed group in four categories. One watershed group in each category with the most votes will receive a \$500 cash award!!!!**

Our 3-hour cruise on the Allegheny River will include a narrative of the sites and landmarks we pass. There will be short talks on environmental issues from distinguished speakers, such as **Mr. Edwin Pinero**, the top environmental executive in the White House, and **Mr. George Watzlaf** of the US Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, speaking about an innovative use for abandoned mine drainage, among others. There will be valuable door prizes, yummy snacks, and lots to see and do! The event begins at 11 am with pre-cruise festivities (such as games, fish printing, and speakers) at the Gateway Clipper dock area in Pittsburgh's Station Square. Boarding of the *Majestic* starts at 12:30 pm and we will sail from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. For directions, go to **<http://www.gatewayclipper.com/location.asp>**

The mission of the Celebration is to promote sustainable watersheds through education, outreach, and celebrating successes. Over **2000** individuals have participated in the 4-year history of the Celebration! Add yourself to the growing number of folks who have attended this great event! **Register online at:**  
**[www.streamrestorationinc.org/rsvp](http://www.streamrestorationinc.org/rsvp)**

