

River Action's 2011 Summer Education Series: Channel Cat Talks & Riverine Walks

Get to know the Mississippi River

River Action is pleased to make available its Public Education Program: Channel Cat Talks and Riverine Walks. Sign up for classes taught by professionals in a variety of river related topics. Channel Cat Talks meet at the Celebration Belle, (2501 E. River Dr, Moline) and Riverine Walks meet at various Quad Cities locations (see individual session details).

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JUNE 2011 Schedule at a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Channel Cat Talk	Riverine Walk	Channel Cat Talk		Riverine Walk
		31 Birds of the Mississippi	1 Kayak Nahant Marsh	2 Birds of the Mississippi	3	4 Kayak Nahant Marsh
5	6	7 River Navigation	8 Photography-Credit Isl.	9 River Navigation	10	11 Photography-Sylvan Isl.
12	13	14 River Landscape mosaic	15 Sylvan Island & Nat. Area	16 River Landscape mosaic	17	18 Sylvan Island & Nat. Area
19	20	21 Campbell's Island	22 Birds of the Mississippi	23 Campbell's Island	24	25 Birds of the Mississippi
26	27	28 Arsenal Island	29 Hennepin Canal	30 Arsenal Island		

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Channel Cat Talk	Riverine Walk	Channel Cat Talk		Riverine Walk
					1	2 Hennepin Canal
3	4	5 Miss. Photography	6 Nahant Turtles	7 Miss. Photography	8	9 Nahant Turtles
10	11	12 Locks & Dams	13 Credit Isl.-War of 1812	14 Locks & Dams	15	16 Credit Isl.-War of 1812
17	18	19 QC Rail & Bridges	20 QC Rail History	21 QC Rail & Bridges	22	23 QC Rail History
24	25	26 Miss. Flooding	27 Village of E. Dav	28 Miss. Flooding	29	30 Village of E. Dav

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Channel Cat Talk	Riverine Walk	Channel Cat Talk		Riverine Walk
	1	2 Jazzing It Up - Bix	3 Bix On The Miss.	4 Jazzing It Up - Bix	5	6 River Vision 2011
7	8	9 Historic Bridges	10 MRT Bike Tour	11 Historic Bridges	12	13 MRT Bike Tour
14	15	16 Folk Tales	17 View of the River	18 Folk Tales	19	20 View of the River
21	22	23 Rafting Logs	24 RI Hydro Plant	25 Rafting Logs	26	27 RI Hydro Plant
28	29	30				

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CHANNEL CAT TALKS

Please check all that apply. Sessions are \$12 each and take place on the Channel Cat Water Taxi [class size is limited]. Rain or Shine, no refunds. In case of bad weather, we will still meet at the Channel Cat, Celebration Belle Landing, and the Captain will decide to call off the session. If a session is called off, a rain date will be scheduled. All Channel Cat Talks are from 9-10:45 a.m.

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| BIRDS OF THE MISS.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, May 31
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jun 2 | ARSENAL ISLAND
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Jun 28
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jun 30 | MISS. RIV FLOODING
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Jul 26
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jul 28 |
| RIVER NAVIGATION
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue Jun 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jun 9 | MISS. RIV PHOTO
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue Jul 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jul 7 | JAZZING IT UP - BIX
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue Aug 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Aug 4 |
| RIVER LANDSCAPE
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Jun 14
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jun 16 | LOCKS & DAMS
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Jul 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jul 14 | HISTORIC BRIDGES
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Aug 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Aug 11 |
| CAMPBELL'S ISLAND
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Jun 21
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jun 23 | QC RAIL & BRIDGES
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Jul 19
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Jul 21 | RIVER FOLK TALES
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Aug 16
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Aug 18 |
| # OF CLASSES ___ X \$12 EACH = \$ ___ | | RAFTING LOGS
<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Aug 23
<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Aug 25 |

RIVERINE WALKS

Select all that apply. Sessions are \$5 per person or FREE for River Action Members. Rain or Shine, no refunds.

Wed talks from 6:30-8 p.m. Sat talks from 9-10:30 a.m.

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| KAYAK NAHANT
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jun 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 4 | HENNEPIN CANAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jun 29
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jul 2 | VILLAGE OF E. DAV
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jul 27
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jul 30 |
| PHOTOGRAPHY
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jun 8 - C.I.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 11 - S.I. | NAHANT TURTLES
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jul 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jul 9 | BIX / RIVER VISION
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Aug 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Aug 6 |
| SYLVAN ISL. & NAT
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jun 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 18 | C.I. & WAR OF 1812
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jul 13
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jul 16 | IA MRT BIKE TOUR
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Aug 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Aug 13 |
| BIRDS OF THE MISS.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jun 22
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jun 25 | QC RAIL HISTORY
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Jul 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Jul 23 | VIEW OF THE RIVER
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Aug 17
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Aug 20 |
| # OF CLASSES ___ X \$5 EACH = \$ ___ | | RI HYDRO PLANT
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Aug 24
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Aug 27 |
| # OF CLASSES ___ FREE (R.A. Members) | | |

TOTAL CHANNEL CAT TALKS: \$ _____
TOTAL RIVERINE WALKS: \$ _____
ADD MEMBERSHIP (other side): \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



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Are you a member?

With membership, you'll receive River Action's new "eddy magazine" & all Riverine Walks free (There is still a charge for Channel Cat Talks).

At \$50+, you'll also receive "Big River Magazine" free (BRM offer for a limited time only).

I would like to become a River Action member.
\$ _____ is enclosed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whooping Crane (\$10,000+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawk (\$500-\$999) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle (\$5,000-\$9,999) | <input type="checkbox"/> Egret (\$250-\$499) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swan (\$2,500-\$4,999) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard (\$100-\$249) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pelican (\$1,500-\$2,499) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seagull (\$25-\$99) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heron (\$1,000-\$1,499) | |

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Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

Email Address _____

We all have a common history linked to the Mississippi River, and with each new trail connection, each new public access to the riverfront, and each new visual link to the Mighty Mississippi, we become more united in our future.

River Action remains committed to helping establish those connections - physical, visual and philosophical - to our common riverfront and our common future.

If you'd like to continue the momentum of our united RiverWay, we hope you'll consider renewing your membership or joining as a new member of River Action. With your help, we can continue to achieve great things in the coming years.

- Please check here if you would like to be more involved in River Action activities as a volunteer.

CHANNEL CAT TALKS

Birds of the Mississippi River

QC Audubon Society

Tuesday, May 31 or Thursday, June 2

- Visit birding spots on the river, learn how to identify different species, and effective birding strategies.

River Navigation

Capt. John Deluhery, RiverStone Group

Tuesday, June 7 or Thursday, June 9

- Discuss the efficient transportation role of Mississippi River barging and its positive impact on fuel savings and traffic
- View a typical barge unloading facility, its process, and reading the new Corps navigation chart

River Landscape Mosaic

Dr. Reuben Heine & Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College

Tuesday, June 14 or Thursday, June 16

- Study the channel characteristics, riverfront uses and environmental issues from Arsenal Island to Campbell's Island

Campbell's Island

Gena Schantz, Historian

Tuesday, June 21 or Thursday, June 23

- The War of 1812, Black Hawk's attack on Campbell, and the factors that contributed to Campbell's defeat

Investigating Arsenal Island History

Sam Heilig, Corps of Engineers

Tuesday, June 28 or Thursday, June 30

- Arsenal history from past to present including river views of Colonel Davenport House, Quarters One, & backwater tour of Upper Sylvan Slough

Mississippi River Photography *

Ange Glade, The A.K. Glade Collection

Tuesday, July 5 or Thursday, July 7

- Photo opportunities with one of the QCs best photographers and Mississippi River advocates - shooting R.I. & Davenport: cityscapes and wildlife
- Materials to bring: Camera [film or digital]; optional items are zoom, wide angle, telephoto lenses, & tri-pod

How Do Locks and Dams Work? *

Bill Gretten, Corps of Engineers

Tuesday, July 12 or Thursday, July 14

- Experience locking through Lock & Dam 15, a brief history of navigation on the Mississippi, & discuss water level control and dam operation

Quad Cities Railroad & RR Bridge History

Tuesday, July 19 or Thursday, July 21

- Discover the history of rail in the Quad Cities including the famed Rock Island Lines and the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi River

History of Flooding in the Quad Cities *

Eric Schallert, Senior Engineer, City of Davenport

Tuesday, July 26 or Thursday, July 28

- Historic stories & pictures of Davenport floods. Learn how those floods affected city development & how we currently manage floodplains

Jazzing it up on the Mississippi River - Bix Beiderbecke

Josh Duffee, Bix Historical Society

Tuesday, August 2 or Thursday, August 4

- Experience Bix's history through the bands he played with, his music, and stories about his life

Historic Bridges of the Quad Cities

Dr. Curt Roseman, Geographer

Tuesday, August 9 or Thursday, August 11

- Examine the history of the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi, plus the Government, Centennial, I-74, and the Moline Arsenal bridges

River Folk Tales & Music

Joe Nobiling, Folk Musician

Tuesday, August 16 or Thursday, August 18

- Storyteller, folk musician, & folklorist will talk, sing, and play music of the times relating to life on the river, a potpourri of lore and custom from the early days

Rafting Logs to QC Mills

Gayle Rein, Historian

Tuesday, August 23 or Thursday, August 25

- In the 19th century, the Mississippi was filled with rafts of pine logs cut in WI & MN
- Explore the history of QC lumber industry in IA and IL
- Listen to stories about mill owners, lumber camps, and the rafting crews

* Denotes sessions that will lock through L&D 15 to access the lower pool

RIVERINE WALKS

Canoe/Kayak Nahant Marsh

Mik Holgersson, River Action Environmental Specialist

Wednesday, June 1 or Saturday, June 4

- Explore the wetlands of Nahant Marsh by canoe or kayak.
- Limited class size. Rentals available - reservation needed
- Meet at Nahant Marsh, 4220 Wapello Ave., Davenport

Mississippi River Photography

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Wed, June 8 [Credit Isl.] or Sat, June 11 [Sylvan Isl.]

- Photo opportunities with one of the QCs best photographers and Mississippi River advocates - cityscapes, nature, & wildlife
- Materials to bring: Camera; Optional: special lenses & tri-pod
- Wed - Meet at Credit Island Lodge, Davenport
- Sat - Meet at Sylvan Island entrance, 1st St. & Bike Trail, Moline

Explore Sylvan Island & Sylvan Slough Natural Area

Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College

Wednesday, June 15 or Saturday, June 18

- Learn the history of these interpretive sites including turning brownfields into recreational areas.
- Meet at Sylvan Island entrance, 1st St. & Bike Trail, Moline

Birds of the Mississippi River

QC Audubon Society

Wednesday, June 22 or Saturday, June 25

- Visit birding spots on the river, learn how to identify different species, and effective birding strategies.
- Meet at Credit Island Lodge, Davenport

Hennepin Canal - Historical Landmark & Recreational Gem

Gary Wagle, Friends of Hennepin Canal

Wednesday, June 29 or Saturday, July 2

- The Hennepin Canal was completed in 1907. Learn about the canal's history, current restoration projects, and recreation efforts
- Meeting place TBD

The Turtles of Nahant Marsh

Mik Holgersson, River Action Environmental Specialist

Wednesday, July 6 or Saturday, July 9

- Visit turtle trapping sites at Nahant Marsh and learn about the different species living there including the endangered Blanding's Turtle
- Meet at Nahant Marsh, 4220 Wapello Ave., Davenport

Credit Island & War of 1812

Karen Anderson, Historian

Wednesday, July 13 or Saturday July 16

- Credit Island Harbor, Grand Isle/Suburban Island Amusement Parks, and Mississippi River migratory flyway
- Meet at Credit Island Boat Ramp, Davenport

Quad Cities Railroad History

Wednesday, July 20 or Saturday, July 23

- Discover the history of rail in the Quad Cities including the famed Rock Island Lines and how the rail industry currently impacts our daily lives
- Meet at Centennial Bridge Visitors Center, 201 15th St, Rock Island

Pre-Civil War Village of East Davenport

Karen Anderson, Historian

Wednesday, July 27 or Saturday, July 30

- Camp McClellan & Sioux Indian graveyard in the "Big Woods"
- Meet at East side of Prospect Terrace Overlook, along stonewall - Davenport

Bix's Life on the Mississippi River

Gerri Bowers, Bix Historical Society

Wednesday, August 3

- Experience Bix's history on Davenport's Mississippi River through pictures and stories about his life
- Meet at Dillon Fountain, Main St. & River Dr., Davenport

River Vision 2011

Steve Ahrens, Levee Improvement Commission

Saturday, August 6

- Experience Davenport's latest river front projects from Centennial Park to the new Founders Park & learn how you can be involved in the planning
- Meet at Marquette St. Landing pavilion, Davenport

Bike Tour - Iowa MRT & Nahant Marsh

Dean & Deb Mathias, QC Bicycle Club

Wednesday, August 10, or Saturday, August 13

- Ride the new Credit Island Bridge to Nahant Marsh. Explore the IA MRT and learn about planned trail developments: B.Y.O. Bike - Helmet required
- Meet at Marquette St. Landing pavilion, Davenport

View of the River - Max. 15 Passengers

Dr. Reuben Heine, Augustana College

Wednesday, August 17 or Saturday, August 20

- Local history and pre-history of the river and QC area, river navigation, & past and present river development: Augustana College's boat-Stewardship
- Meet at north end of Lake Potter, Sunset Park, 18th Ave exit, Rock Island

Rock Island Hydropower Plant

Timothy Ridder, City of Rock Island

Wednesday, August 24 or Saturday, August 27

- Learn how Rock Island successfully restored the hydro-electric plant on the Rock River - Conditions may be hot - Bringing water is recommended
- Meet at hydro plant - 5200 11th St, Rock Island