



# NCSP

NEWS

Upper Delaware  
River Chapter

April 2011

## “Commodore’s Corner”

April 29th we will be starting our training weekend and the 32nd season as the National Canoe Safety Patrol. A lot of preparation goes into the training weekend and Bill Walters again is leading that effort. This should be another good training weekend

Joining us again this year during training will be members of the National Park Service (NPS) which strengthens our long partnership. The NPS service provides the Boy Scout cabins and Kittatiny Campsite for us all season long as we continue to support the NPS Volunteers in the Park program. Currently, it appears the NPS will have less funding for seasonal help. With our continued volunteering we can still make the river more enjoyable and safer for the parks guest.

Besides the training and weekly volunteering NCSP board members DJ, Troy & Dick are in leadership positions for the “River of the Year” and Delaware River Sojourn. You will see more opportunities to participate in these actives also, so read on.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the training weekend and on the river.

Ray Mei  
Commodore

## Articles and Photos

We are always looking for articles and Photos; please submit to [NCSPSecretary@NationalCanoeSafetyPatrol.com](mailto:NCSPSecretary@NationalCanoeSafetyPatrol.com) Articles may or may not be published at the discretion of the executive board.

## Training 2011

Training Weekend will be April 29-May 1, 2011, rain or shine or sleet or snow. We are NCSP – hip-deep in the river in any kind of weather, smiling!!!

This year, we plan to continue our split-site training format at Luke’s Landing, Cedar Rapids and Shohola Rapids. As in the past, come and find the command tent to check in. We will be “open” on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and again on Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. Even if you will have pre-registered, please check in immediately upon arrival, so we can finalize training teams as soon as possible.

We will continue to make photo ID’s for our members. Reminder: you MUST have a current CPR and First Aid certification – or better – to receive your ID. If we took your picture in the past, you won’t have to endure another picture. If not, be prepared for the mug shot!

All students need to be ready to be wet both days. Saturday sessions will run from 8 a.m. to about 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided for those who have pre-registered for training. Sunday sessions are planned to run from 8 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m.

Training staff please note there will be a training staff meeting Friday from 7 pm to 9 pm as well as coordinating meetings at 7:30 am Saturday and 7:30 am Sunday.

This year, if river conditions are favorable, we will be putting boats on the river during training, so please bring your boats with the understanding that all may not be needed. Remember to be ready for the water and bring whatever rescue gear you usually bring on patrol.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Bill Walters  
NCSP Training Director

## Joe Hinkes - Chief Ranger

Joseph Hinkes has been named the chief ranger for Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in Pennsylvania and New York. Joe will move upstream from Delaware Water Gap NRA, where he has served as a ranger since 1999. His tour of duty will start in mid-March.

Joe will be responsible for all ranger activities and commercial services for 73 miles of the Upper Delaware River and will work cooperatively with multiple state and local agencies to help manage and protect approximately 55,500 acres of privately owned land within the river corridor. He will be a key member of the management team and be involved with multiple complex partnerships.

Joe has extensive experience in law enforcement, is the team leader for Northeast Region (NER) special events and tactics team, has received awards for his park ranger teaching skills, and is known for his communication skills. Joe has a BA degree cum laude in education from University of Wisconsin, Madison.

## 2011 NCSP Spring Dinner

Saturday, April 30, 2011

TIME: 6:30 p.m. (Serving)  
(5:30 p.m. Officers Meeting)

PRICE: \$25 per person

PLACE: Konrad's Kitchen, Yulan, NY  
(Cross Road, Bar)

RSVP TO:

[VCOM@nationalcanoesafetypatrol.com](mailto:VCOM@nationalcanoesafetypatrol.com)  
or visit the NCSP website for payments.

This year we are happy to be served by one of our favorite chefs, Konrad (formerly of the Lackawaxen Inn). He will graciously be preparing buffet style Spring "vittles" at his new place in Yulan, NY at the Crossroads just 15 minutes from our Luke's Landing Campsite.

Check it out on Facebook at *Konrad's Kitchen and Grill* <http://www.facebook.com/KonradsKitchen>.

Please check the NCSP website for dinner time and choice from the menu.

See you on the Delaware,  
DeJay  
2011 Vice Commodore

## Registration for 2011 Training

We look forward to seeing you at our 32 Annual NCSP Spring Training. If you plan to attend spring training this year (and nearly everyone should), please help the training committee by sending your registration form and fees no later than Friday April 15. The training committee has asked that everyone register at least a week ahead of the event.

This year NCSP Webmaster and Vice Commodore DeJay Branch has added 2011 Membership and Dinner options to the NCSP website:

<http://www.nationalcanoesafetypatrol.com/index.php/component/content/article/1-latest-news/47-2011training> or follow the "2011 Spring Training Registration" from our home page.

The NCSP store is also online with a few items:

<http://www.nationalcanoesafetypatrol.com/index.php/store>

Alternately you may mail registration payments to:

National Canoe Safety Patrol (Registration)  
PO BOX 91  
Lackawaxen, PA 18435

You may send your dinner payment with your membership dues but please be clear in your check memo what you are paying. Dues and fees are \$30 for individual membership, \$60 for family membership; \$25 per person for dinner.

## Save Our State Forests in Pennsylvania

"...Nearly one-half of the State Forest land in the Marcellus Shale region is leased and open to exploitation by the gas industry. Only ten percent of Pennsylvania's public lands are legally protected from gas development. The short term profit from gas drilling will be far outweighed by the long term damage to our forests..."

(Save Our State Forests/Responsible Drilling Alliance)-

<http://www.petitiononline.com/sosinpa1/petition.html>

## Joint Delaware & Lackawaxen River Sojourn

*Saturday June 18 to Saturday June 25, 2011*

**Two** of the area's premiere paddling rivers will be the site of this year's annual Sojourn. The 8 day Event will feature 2 days on the Delaware north of Calicoon, a day of white water on a Lackawaxen release and then 5 days down the Delaware to Bristol, PA.

There is a joint steering committee from the Delaware River Sojourn and The Lackawaxen River Conservancy. Troy and Dejay have designed a robust registration system for the combined effort. The Lackawaxen River Conservancy will coordinate Day 3 including a breakfast and lunch and transportation of boats and rafts to the Lackawaxen put in.

### Current itinerary for 2011 Delaware & Lackawaxen Sojourn

Day	Date	River Section	Camp Location
#1	Sat 6/18	Camp to Calicoon	NEWE at Kellems Bridge
#2	Sun 6/19	Buckingham to camp	NEWE at Kellems Bridge
#3	Mon 6/20	Lackawaxen River	(registration and breakfast at Lander's Minisink Ford base)
#4	Tues 6/21	Bushkill to camp	Worthington SP, NJ
#5	Wed 6/22	camp to Driftstone	Washington Crossing SP, NJ
#6	Thurs 6/23	Lambertville to Yardley	Washington Crossing SP, NJ
#7	Fri 6/24	Yardley to Bordentown	Washington Crossing SP, NJ
#8	Sat 6/25	Bordentown to Bristol	

NCSP volunteers are needed to facilitate this joint 8 day river sojourn  
Logistical support- Keeping the full group on schedule from registration, meals , programs and boat logistics  
Extra safety on the Lackawaxen - as was done last year this crew can work out of the Zane Grey access area

Please contact Dick Rhodes if you can help on the Sojourn ([canoerr@aol.com](mailto:canoerr@aol.com))

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## New Membership Information and Initial Application

The NCSP was founded in 1978 for the purpose of encouraging and promoting boating safety, including:

- Providing a shore-based and boat-based safety presence in cooperation with river management agencies, race organizers and other safety and rescue organizations.
- Providing rescue and recovery assistance upon request of, and in cooperation with, river management agencies and other safety and rescue organizations.

Most rescue patrols run on the Delaware River between Skinners Falls at Milanville, PA and Port Jervis, NY. Each member is obligated to provide a minimum of 4 full days of service on the river each season.

Interested in joining or have further questions? Please contact one of the officers listed earlier in this newsletter and plan on attending the first available training, usually the last *full* weekend in April. Please mail dues of \$30 per individual or \$60 per family with the registration information form below to:

NCSP Treasurer  
PO Box 91,  
Lackawaxen, PA 18435

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Note: You will be required to sign a waiver prior to any patrols, and you must have the use of a canoe or kayak.