



Steel Valley Trail Council
Members and Friends eNewsletter
May 17th, 2012

Hello from the Steel Valley Trail Council! Here are some updates and upcoming events.

Upcoming Trail Detour in McKeesport

Construction in the RIDC Park in McKeesport will require a section of the trail to be closed in the near future for about 4 to 6 weeks. A detour will be in place along Industrial Drive and onto a temporary stone trail (that was used during the last time a detour was required in this area). Cyclist with road bicycles may want to walk their bikes along the stone trail portion.

Upcoming Event: Pedal 2 DC 4 DS (Local Kick-Off Ride: July 14, 2012 at 9:00 AM)

**Note: This is not sponsored by the SVTC and provided for informational purposes only.*

PEDAL 2 DC 4 DS is a 6 day ride the week of the National Down Syndrome Congress Convention in Washington DC. It is July 15th to July 20th, from Meyersdale, PA to Washington, DC. It is in support of the Down Syndrome Center of Pittsburgh at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. For more information about this 6 day tour, visit <http://www.mountainsidebiketours.net/downsyndromeawareness/pedal2dc4ds.html>

Prior to this on July 14th, there will be a local, kick-off fun ride along a section of the Steel Valley section of the Great Allegheny Passage. Below is information provided to us about the local ride:

Kick-off event July 14th at the Waterfront Pump House

- Registration is at 9:00 AM.
- Cost is \$35.00.
- There will be a 10 mile ride which will start approximately 9:45 AM.
- Following the ride, lunch will be provided as well as entertainment and a basket auction.

For more information contact Pam DeGeorge at Pamela.degeorge@chp.edu or 412-692-6694.

This day will be an awareness event and kick-off for the PEDAL 2 DC 4 DS, a 6 day ride to benefit the Down Syndrome Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

A copy of the registration form can be found at <http://steeltownmedia.com/steelvalleytrail/p2dc.pdf>

Upcoming Group Rides on the Steel Valley Trail:

**Note: These are planned by other organizations and are not hosted by the SVTC.*

May 20th, 2012, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Venture Outdoors

Description from their web site:

Join us for a 20 mile round-trip ride from Homestead to McKeesport and back as we travel along the Great Allegheny Passage. We will encounter some short grades to climb along the way. Bring your own lunch to enjoy as we stop in McKeesport or choose from a list of bike friendly restaurants. Bike rentals are not available for this program.

Location: Homestead, PA

Difficulty: Moderate

Cost: \$15.00 non-member / \$10.00 member

More Information & Registration:

Venture Outdoors web site (under activities calendar): <http://ventureoutdoors.org/>

Other Upcoming Area Events:

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Rivers of Steel: Heritage Farm and Artist Market (Sundays 10 AM – 2 PM beginning May 6th at the Pump House):

This weekly market that was popular last year will be returning this spring. It is open to the public and gives visitors a chance to explore the building and site while supporting local artisans and businesses.

The Steel Valley Trail Council will have a table at the market on selected weekends (to be determined – **volunteers needed; please email info@steelvalleytrail.org**).

We were asked by the organizers to advise trail users that the section of the parking area on the side of the pump house building (from the labyrinth to the water tower) will be restricted to vendors only during the market on Sundays.

Please park your cars on the other side of the parking area facing the road. Overflow parking can also be found across the street at the US Steel Building during that time.

River Sweep 2012 (June 16th):

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission will be having their annual river clean-up event along the shores of Ohio River and its tributaries. One clean-up site is the Nine Mile Run / Duck Hollow area (across the river from the Waterfront shopping complex). For more information please visit www.orsanco.org/river-sweep. You can also contact us

(svtc.membership@gmail.com) and we can have a member of our North Bank committee follow up with you.

Beta Mobile Version of Steel Valley Trail Web Site

Members and friends with smartphones that want to help test the mobile version of the Steel Valley Trail web site are asked to please contact Jim Taggart at svtc.membership@gmail.com.

Maintenance Survey Now Available

Our maintenance survey is still available online. We are asking our members and friends who are interested in volunteering for the maintenance task force to take a few minutes to fill out a trail maintenance work party survey at the following link:

<http://www.steeltownmedia.com/steelvalleytrail/maintenanceSurvey120312.aspx>

Your interest and assistance in helping to maintain the Steel Valley Trail is appreciated.

May's Monthly Board Meeting

We will have our next board meeting on May 21st at 5:00 PM. The meeting this month will be at the Whitaker Borough Building (124 Grant Ave, Whitaker, PA 15120; map link: <http://tinyurl.com/7q24vr3>). Please let us know if you plan to attend.

See you along the trail!
- Steel Valley Trail Council

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