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Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter



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Meetings

The Chapter's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met for a mid-year review at 7pm on **Thursday, June 6th** at the Constantia House behind Baker's Funeral Home.

Chapter Board of Directors meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. They last met at 7pm on **Monday, June 10th** at the Constantia House behind Baker's Funeral Home. Next month's Board meeting will be at 7pm on **Monday, July 8th** at the same location.

Chapter Members Dinner meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next chapter dinner meeting will be held at **6:30pm on Wednesday, June 19th**, at the Oakland Church **Community Life Center in Chuckatuck** located at [5641 Godwin Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23434](#). *Note: This facility is located approximately 7 miles from the Kings Fork Community Center.*

The dinner menu will be baked chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, tea, and assorted desserts. The cost will be \$10.

Mr. Aron Zielzinski, Wood Craftsman, is our guest speaker for the evening.

Nominations for Chapter Officers and Board Members

At the June chapter dinner meeting, the Nominations Chair will present a slate of officers and board members for the 2024-2025 term, and additionally, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Chapter elections will be held at the July chapter dinner meeting.

President's Note

Unlike last year, we did not have good weather for the members' picnic, and we had to cancel it. Rain and mud do not mix well with hamburgers and hot dogs.

The June solstice or Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. Despite recent temperatures and rainy weather, summer is here, and you should get out and enjoy it. It is also a good time to volunteer to cut the grass or clean up the park for your work credits if you are unable to make it for a work day.

"There are two seasons when the leaves are in their glory, their green and perfect youth in June and their ripe old age." --Henry David Thoreau.

Respectfully Yours,

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Blvd**Calendar of Events**

You can review our full chapter website calendar online at <https://sniwla.org/sniwla/calendar> for the most recent information about meetings and upcoming events. A courtesy extract through the end of **July** is shown below:

SAT 6/1 - *Clean Bay Day Nansemond River Cleanup.
 THR 6/6 at 6pm - LRPC meeting.
 MON 6/10 at 7pm - Board meeting.
 SAT 6/15 at 10am - Prospective Member Orientation.
 WED 6/19 6:30pm - Chapter Dinner Meeting at Oakland Church's Community Life Center located at 5641 Godwin Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23434
 MON 7/8 at 7pm - Board meeting.
 SAT 7/13 and SUN 7/14 - S-N IWLA Youth Members-Only Archery Training Sessions.
 MON 7/15 through 7/17 - IWLA National Convention.
 WED 7/17 at 6:30pm - Chapter Dinner meeting.
 WED 7/24- Elizabeth River Learning Barge.

*Note: Events marked with an *asterisk count towards work hour credits for meeting the chapter's annual membership volunteer participation requirement.*

Chris Ferguson,
 Chapter President,
 Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA

HOLIDAYS and COMMUNITY EVENTS

6/1 - 1st Day of LGBTQ+ Month
 6/16 - Father's Day
 6/19 - Juneteenth
 7/4 - Independence Day
 7/14 - Flag Day

Recipe of the Month - Shrimp Etouffee

Source Credit: Lois Williams, Serves 6.



Ingredients

- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1&1/2 lbs shrimp peeled
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1/2 cup green onions finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1/2 bell pepper chopped 2 stalks celery chopped
- 5 parsley sprigs chopped
- 1 large tomato peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp red pepper
- 1/2 tsp black pepper 2 drops tobasco
- 2 TBSP lemon juice

Instructions

Have all veggies chopped before you start. Mix the flour and oil and cook in a large saucepan until light brown. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and cook on very low 30-40 minutes or until there is sufficient gravy and shrimp are done. Service over rice.

S-N IWLA Members-Only Youth Archery Training Sessions Scheduled for July 13th-14th.

Message from Chris Trimpey, Chapter Board Member and Youth Coordinator

Our chapter Archery Chair, Greg Syvertson, will be conducting members-only Youth Archery Training sessions over a two day period. These are scheduled for:

- Saturday, July 13th from 10am to 12pm.
- Sunday, July 14th from 1pm to 3pm.

Ages 8-13 and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Note: seating is limited--there is a 10 child limit. Please contact Greg at gregorysyvertson@gmail.com to sign-up for this event.

S-N IWLA Members-Only Youth Elizabeth River Learning Barge Wednesday, July 24th

Message from Chris Trimpey, Chapter Board Member and Youth Coordinator

Interested in a Summer Youth Activity? The S-N IWLA Youth Program is gauging interest in the Elizabeth River Learning Barge. A minimum number of 15 youth are needed to reserve this event. One parent/guardian is required to accompany their child. There is a limit of 20 children for the Learning Barge event and each must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you are interested in participating, please provide the number and ages of those that would be interested in the activity. To sign-up, please contact BOTH Milton Chalkley via email: mdchalk3@msn.com and Chris Trimpey via email: Chris.Trimpey@hotmail.com.

This prospective Learning Barge session would be for children and grandchildren of S-N IWLA members. Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation/supervision of participants. NOTE: Those that would participate will be required to have their own transportation. Chapter Youth Committee members will also be present to facilitate the learning experience by sharing applicable IWLA objectives.



So, what is the Elizabeth River Learning Barge? The Elizabeth River Project's Learning Barge is a floating river laboratory and classroom. IWLA family members between the **ages of 4 to 18** will hop aboard the Barge to learn about everything from wetlands, wildlife restoration and sea-level rise to the iconic Chesapeake Bay blue crab. After spending time on the Learning barge, IWLA youth will know how to treat the river for life. **Attendance will be capped at 20 children with 2-4 chaperones recommended.**

Place: This activity will take place at the Grandy Village learning Center, 2971 Kimball Loop Terrace, Norfolk, Va. The Barge is Coast Guard certified and remains tied to a dock during the entire program.

Duration: Duration of the program is one hour.

Cost: Cost ranges between \$15-20 per child. A group rate can be negotiated. The parent's/guardian's (one person) admission is free.

Time: The Barge is only open Monday thru Friday from 10 June to 27 July, 2024. Two time slots are set for each day, the first being 9:30 to

10:30 am, and the second being 10:00 to 11:00 am.

The program is entirely outside so the children will need to dress accordingly (hats, closed toe shoes, water bottle, etc).

See <https://elizabethriver.org/the-learning-barge/> for more information.

IWLA National Convention

Message from Jodi Labs, IWLA National President

The convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The hotel offers something for every visitor, including incredible restaurants, pools and a beach, kayaking and water sports, walking trails and so much more.

The discounted room rate for League members is \$175 per night - **but that is only guaranteed until June 17**. After that, the hotel will charge much higher market rates for rooms and on some nights, rooms

may not even be available. The Eastern Shore is a very popular summer vacation destination and this hotel will fill up fast.

Reserve your room [online](#) or by calling the hotel directly at (410) 901-1234 and providing our group code (G-IZWL) to receive the League's rate. This room rate is available three days before and three days after the convention (between July 11 and 19, 2024), **provided rooms are available**.

If you plan to attend the 2024 national convention and want to stay at the convention site hotel, [reserve your room before June 17!](#)

The League has confirmed participation from a range of speakers, including senior staff from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state departments of natural resources who direct large-scale restoration initiatives focused on the Great Lakes, upper Mississippi River and Chesapeake Bay. During the Conservation Lunch, the Manager of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, which is close to the convention site, will share her perspective on managing refuges in a time of accelerating change. [Learn more about these and other speakers.](#)

IWLA National Conservation Issues - Take Action

For more than 100 years, the Izaak Walton League has advocated for conserving and enjoying our country's incredible natural resources. At the IWLA National website "Take Action" page located at [https://www.iwla.org/congressweb#/,](https://www.iwla.org/congressweb#/) you can choose to reach out to your legislators on a variety of issues including the Clean Water Act of 2023, the Farm Bill (Protecting Wetlands), the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA), and several other issues.

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