



Inland Waterways Festival at the Ohio River Museum

Marietta, OH – August 6 and 7, 2011

The first annual Inland Waterways Festival will take place August 6 and 7. The festival will be held at the Ohio River Museum located at 601 Second Street in Marietta, OH. This family event will celebrate the heritage and continuing importance of America's rivers, canals, and lakes in the development of our country.

The weekend will be filled with fun, family activities that will also educate on the history, industry and environmental aspects of our inland waterways. There will be demonstrations, displays, children's activities and living history performances. Stephen Hollen will portray Mark Twain and Bela Berty and Linda Gail will portray Lydia and Nicholas Roosevelt along with other live performances.

Model Sternwheel boats will be on display under the Museum and "Life Below the Waterline," a traveling freshwater aquarium owned by ORSANCO, will be set up to demonstrate the diversity of life sustained by the Ohio River. On Sunday, August 7, the West Virginia Raptor Rehabilitation Center will be bringing raptors to view.

River Works Discovery for children will be offered to encourage education about the rivers. A steam powered launch will be on display. There will be demonstrations of lock and dam systems, steam power engines, and knot tying. A deckhand line throwing competition will take place Saturday afternoon for adults and children and on Saturday evening the Marietta Boat Club will feature a parade of boats on the Muskingum River.

The Valley Gem Sternwheeler will be offering special trips for the weekend including a special lock tour on the Muskingum River on Saturday from 11:30am to 2:30pm. \$21.00 adults, \$19.50 seniors, \$12.00 children 3-12. A special sightseeing cruise will be offered on Saturday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. \$8.00 adults, \$7.00 seniors, \$5.00 children 3-12. For more information about the Valley Gem, log onto www.valleygemsternwheeler.com or call 740.373.7862.

The Inland Waterways Festival hours will be from 10am to 9pm on Saturday and 1pm to 6pm on Sunday and admission is free. Donations will be accepted. For more information about the Festival call 740.373.3750.