

2008 Susquehanna Sojourn

Celebrating River Towns, River People

Corning, NY to Camp Lackawanna,



CHEMUNG RIVER, ATHENS, PA.



The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is a regional nonprofit organization that builds and fosters partnerships to protect and to restore the Bay and its rivers. The Alliance does not lobby or litigate. Instead, we do the slow, hard work of bridging dialogue between groups that don't see eye-to-eye, forming strategies for joint solutions, and building the capacity of communities for local-level action. To this end, the Alliance:

- Develops methods and tools for restoration activities and trains citizens to use them.
- Mobilizes decision-makers, stakeholders, and other citizens to learn about Bay issues and participate in resolving them.
- Provides analysis, information, and evaluation of Bay policies, proposals, and institutions.

Founded in 1971, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is funded by individuals, corporations, governments and foundations. The Alliance maintains offices in Baltimore, Maryland; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Richmond, Virginia.

The Susquehanna Sojourn is an educational and awareness-raising event that involves a group of canoeists paddling a segment of the Susquehanna River, camping on her shores and interacting with local towns and villages. The Susquehanna River is the largest tributary and provides about 50 percent of the freshwater to the Chesapeake Bay. Over the course of the Sojourn, families, scouts and individuals partner with local residents in river-related service projects and activities.

The Sojourn is a unique and powerful tool for promoting environmental stewardship and inspiring conservation of our natural resources. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay founded the Susquehanna Sojourn 18 years ago, starting at the beginning: the headwaters of the river at Cooperstown. Since then, Sojourners paddle a different segment of the river until we make it the Chesapeake Bay, a poignant illustration of the river's connection to the Bay. In 2008, we return to the Corning, NY headwaters of the Chemung River and paddle downstream to the North Branch of the Susquehanna.