



What a Yes Vote Means On Constitutional Ballot Questions

Pennsylvanian's Can Vote for a Better Emergency Declaration Process

By State senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - This primary election, voters have the opportunity to decide two proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution that would improve the way the state responds to future emergencies. Remember, ALL PA REGISTERED VOTERS, regardless of how they are registered (Independent, No Affiliation, Green Party, Libertarian, etc.) can cast a vote on these proposed amendments!

A YES at the ballot box means voters favor:

Protecting the education of our children;
Supporting small employers in our local communities;
Prohibiting discrimination; and
Providing funding for fire companies.

The Wolf Administration has been widely criticized for wording the emergency response questions in a way that is deeply confusing and prejudicial. It's important that voters understand what the proposed amendments would accomplish.

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Join the 25th Annual Lehigh River Sojourn – Bike & Paddle for Summer Fun!

By Diane Motel

(Emmaus, Pa., May 6, 2021) –Wildlands Conservancy's 25th annual Lehigh River Sojourn (Saturday, June 26 – Monday, June 28, 2021) offers families whitewater rafting, biking and canoeing adventure.

This year, to again incorporate added safety measures due to Covid-19, the annual three-day experience is a 50-mile guided trip on the Lehigh River that includes bicycling on the D&L Trail on Days 2 and 3.

The Sojourn begins in Jim Thorpe with whitewater rafting through Lehigh Gorge State Park, and it ends in Easton, part of the region's metro-wilderness. Sojourners will be treated to scenic views, visits from resident wildlife and a shared appreciation for preserving the Lehigh River.

This year's Lehigh River Sojourn includes:

A dedicated safety team and paddling instruction

All necessary equipment is provided. Canoes are available with registration, or individuals can bring a personal kayak or canoe that Wildlands will transport on a shuttle. Private bicycles are permitted.

Boxed lunches

Nature-based education programs

Overnight camping option at the Lehigh River's only riverside campground, Riverview Park in East Penn Township, Palmerton, Pa. (\$10/person/night)

Discount pricing for children ages 6-17

10% discount for individuals who register to paddle all three days

Registration, Itineraries & More

Per person registration for whitewater rafting on Day 1 is \$65/adult and \$45/child (8-17), and for canoeing on Days 2 and 3, registration is \$55/adult and \$34/child (6-17). Registration is online. For full details, daily itineraries, FAQs, health and safety plan, and to register, visit www.wildlandspa.org/lehighriversojourn or contact Diane Motel, director of education programs, at 610-965-4397, ext. 118 or dmotel@wildlandspa.org.

Wildlands is offering a limited number scholarships to local youth ages 5-17, along with their adult, as well as adults individually. Families, scouts, groups, and individuals who many not otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience the river and trail in this way, are encouraged to apply. See flyer for details.

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