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## What is the Haw River Trail Partnership?

In 2006, 10 governmental agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to work together for the development of the Haw River Trail and the conservation of its land and waters.

In this spirit, the cities of Burlington and Graham have partnered with Alamance County, to fund a full-time position to coordinate conservation and trail efforts on the Upper Haw River. This newsletter, and our website: [www.thehaw.org](http://www.thehaw.org), are an effort to inform the public about the ongoing work stemming from the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding.

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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAW RIVER TRAIL PARTNERSHIP

Spring 2013

### YEE- HAW! RIVER PADDLE SLATED FOR MAY 11TH

2013 marks the sixth year of the Yee-Haw! River Paddle. This year we are happy to once again be partnering with the community of Saxapahaw for a day long celebration of the Haw River.

The format is undergoing a slight change this year, eliminating the shuttles needed in previous years. All paddlers will start simultaneously with a shotgun start on Saxapahaw Lake. The racers will then being their 5 or 10 mile race, while paddlers participating in the Fun Paddle can paddle upriver and return at their own pace. The event will conclude in the late afternoon, just in time for participants to enjoy Saturdays at Saxapahaw in downtown Saxapahaw. The event will have live music, food and vendors and is a great end to a day on the river. The Yee-Haw! River Paddle is our largest fundraising event of the year- and we look forward to another great day.

Full event details and registration are available at [www.thehaw.org/yeehaw](http://www.thehaw.org/yeehaw).



### JOIN THE "5280 CLUB" TO ADOPT A MILE OF HRT

Spring is the time of year when we all begin venturing outdoors to hit the trails. Its is also the time of year when the Haw River Trail Partnership makes our annual fundraising push to secure the future of those trails. With tightening budgets and dwindling grant programs, finding funds to acquire and build trails is a increasingly difficult job. So this year we are trying a new approach. Rather than relying on large donors and shrinking grant programs, we are asking for support from the people who use and enjoy our trails: the public.

Our new fundraising initiative is called the "5280 Club", so named because we are asking community members to sponsor 5280 feet, or one mile, of Haw River Trail. By joining the 5280 Club for \$100 you will be sponsoring 5280 feet of Haw River Trail for one year. Thanks to the support we already receive from Haw River Trail Partnership member governments, our overhead costs are covered. That means 100% of your support will go directly to acquiring and building new sections of the Haw River Trail.

To acknowledge your support, a plaque will be placed at the access leading to the mile of Haw River Trail you choose. In addition, we are offering one FREE 2013 Yee-Haw River Paddle registration for each mile sponsored. Visit [www.thehaw.org](http://www.thehaw.org) to choose your mile and make payment, or send in a check payable to "Haw River Trail" to 3916 R.D. Coleman Road, Burlington, NC 27215. If you are mailing your payment in the memo line please indicate which mile of the Haw River Trail you would like to sponsor. Thank you for supporting the Haw River Trail, and please let us know if you have any questions .

For questions, comments, or to remove your name from the mailing list, email [info@thehaw.org](mailto:info@thehaw.org) or call 336/229-2229



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## KAYAK FISHING TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT HRT

**G**et:Outdoors is once again hosting the 6th Annual Charity Kayak Fishing Tournament on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The annual tournament has raised thousands of dollars for local charities and the Haw River Trail is honored to be chosen as one of the two beneficiaries of this year's event, along with the Haw River Assembly.



This year, anglers may choose one of seven lakes to fish. Guilford-Mackintosh, Lake Mackintosh, Randleman Lake, High Point City Lake, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Brandt, Lake Higgins, and Lake Townsend. The tournament is catch and release, with anglers taking photographs of the three largest bass of the day as proof of the catch.

1st Place in this year's contest is \$900 in "Native Bucks" redeemable for Native Watercraft kayak or Native Watercraft accessories through Get:Outdoors. Please consider coming out to support to the Haw River. For more information, visit [www.shopgetoutdoors.com](http://www.shopgetoutdoors.com).

## DANNY BERNSTIEN BOOK SIGNING

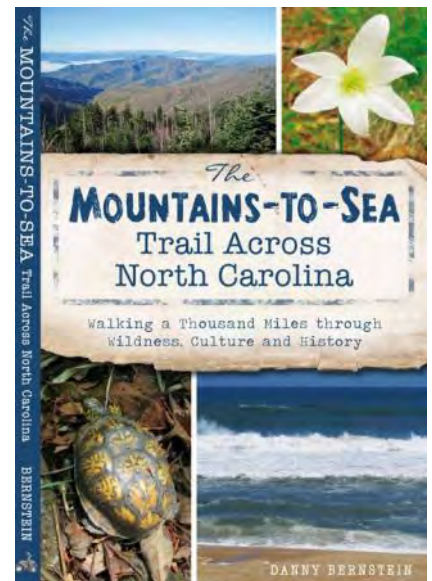
**G**lencoe Studios hosting a very special event on Sunday, April 7, 2013. Author and avid hiker [Danny Bernstein](#) will be on hand to speak about her most recent book, *The Mountains-To-Sea Trail Across North Carolina*. Danny will have copies of her book available for purchase and personalized signing.

Danny's book chronicles her trek and the people she met along the way as she traversed the Mountains-To-Sea Trail. At the signing, Danny will share a slide show presentation that highlights the most spectacular, historic, and quirky elements of the North Carolina landscape that she encountered. Here's a preview of what you can expect to hear:

"Walking the backroads in the Piedmont was fascinating. In fact, walking the road on the MST (Piedmont and Coastal Plains) is what makes the trail different from most other hiking experiences. I love talking to people. How could I have met Lynn, Debra of Emily's Cookies, and countless others if the trail had been all between two sets of trees? I've completed the Appalachian Trail, all the trails in the Smokies and many other hiking challenges and the MST is on par with all these experiences."

Glencoe Studios will open at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 7, 2013; we will welcome Danny at 2:00 PM. Glencoe Studios is located in the old machine shop at Glencoe Mill Village, 2320 River Road, Burlington, NC.

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- Quarterly Attendance at Haw River Trail Sites**
- January 1, 2013 through February 28, 2013**
- Altamahaw Paddle Access: **1,713**
- Shallow Ford Natural Area: **2,849**
- Great Bend Park: **1,470**
- Glencoe Paddle Access: **1,233**
- Town & Country Paddle Access: **820**
- Red Slide Park: **3,591**
- Graham Paddle Access: **1,789**
- Sweptsonville River Park-Upper: **3,586**
- Sweptsonville River Park-Lower: **4,303**
- Sax. Lake Paddle Access: **2,265**
- Sax. Mill Race Paddle Access: **1,255**
- Total Attendance For Period: 25,577**