

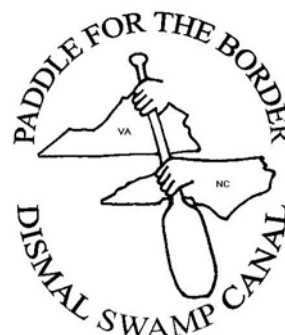
“PADDLE FOR THE BORDER”

Dismal Swamp Canal

April 30, 2005

In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Dismal Swamp Canal ... paddle the historic waterway from Chesapeake, VA, to South Mills, NC, in the 2nd annual PADDLE FOR THE BORDER on April 30, 2005.

This event between two states will be hosted by the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center and Dismal Swamp State Park, South Mills, NC; the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Suffolk, VA; and the City of Chesapeake Parks & Recreation Department, Chesapeake, VA.



Approximately 150 boats (canoes/kayaks) will participate on a first-come basis from the launch point at the Great Dismal Swamp boat launch in Chesapeake, VA, paddling 7.5 miles to the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center in South Mills, NC. Lunch for all participants will be provided at the Welcome Center following conclusion of the event.

Legislators and media representatives from both states will be invited to ride this beautiful waterway aboard pilot boats.

All boats must be pre-registered. **Deadline for registration is April 16, 2005.** A Registration Fee of \$30.00 per person (add \$5 after deadline) will cover all costs, including an event T-shirt and hat, lunch, and shuttle service. The Registration Package download is available at the following websites: www.DismalSwamp.com and www.cityofchesapeake.net.

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