

Stream Cleanup Event

June 8, 2019: 9:00 am – Noon
Noyes Slough & Chena River



Participant Briefing Sheet & General Information

WHO? This stream cleanup event has been organized and sponsored in whole by the agencies and supporting organizations of the **Fairbanks Storm Water Advisory Committee (FSWAC)** including the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, City of Fairbanks, University of Alaska Fairbanks, City of North Pole, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District, Tanana Valley Watershed Association, Fairbanks Host Lions Club, Project Fairbanks, Green Star of Interior Alaska, HC Contractors, and Shannon & Wilson Inc.

WHY? Our focus today is cleaning up Noyes Slough and the portion of the Chena River that runs through downtown Fairbanks. Canoeists will float down four separate reaches of the slough. Hikers will walk the banks including portions of the Chena River bike path and areas close to and underneath bridges. The goal is to pick up easily removable trash and debris; larger, unwieldy items will be dealt with at a future date by agency personnel with proper equipment.

HOW? Beginning at 9:00 am, we will conduct a welcome talk and safety briefing. Individuals and groups will then have the option to participate in canoe or on foot and sign-up for a reach of the slough or river. **All participants must sign in!** We will then report to the selected put-in locations (see maps) and begin cleaning the banks and water bodies of trash and debris. Below are the most important points to assure we all have a safe and successful day:

1. **Safety:** Please be careful!! In accordance with our safety briefing, anyone who is going to float the river in the FSWAC-provided canoes must (1) be at least 18-years of age or accompanied by a parent, (2) be able to swim, (3) wear a personal floatation device, (4) have experience paddling, and (5) have been present for the pre-launch safety talk. Grab bags with safety supplies such as latex gloves, yellow/orange safety vests, and whistles will be provided to each participant.
2. **Check In/Check Out:** Everyone helping on the cleanup must check in with **Andrew Ackerman** at the Lion's Club Park picnic shelter and get signed in before heading out to do cleanup work. All participants must either return to the picnic shelter to check back in or call Andrew's cell phone (**987-2938**) to assure we know you are done and safely off the slough or river.
3. **Boots:** It will be much more comfortable when doing either canoe duty, or some of the shore-side trash pick-up/cleanup tasks, to be wearing knee-high rubber boots. Hip or chest waders may also be preferred for some of the most rigorous tasks.

4. **Private Property – please be considerate:** Please remember that although we can remove trash and junk from the banks of the slough, we must keep off private property as much as possible. The property owners have been alerted to the cleanup with a mailer, but they may have forgotten and wonder what you are doing. Please be polite and tell them we're just cleaning up and moving on.
5. **Please ask questions before you head out!**

Thank you for coming and helping. Noyes Slough and the Chena River are important local recreational resources that benefit all of us. Please provide feedback on this event and ideas for future events. The public's help and support is a priority!

BE SAFE, and HAVE FUN

Remember this cell phone number for clean-up coordination and sign-out:

Andrew Ackerman 987-2938

Find out more about storm water pollution at:
<http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/PWorks/StormWaterManagementProgram/>

