



Alabama Rivers Alliance
Water Is Life

Alabama Water Rally 2022

All sessions and meals will take place in Doug Carpenter Hall, except the Story of Us, which takes place at the Campfire.

FRIDAY

2 – 4 pm

CLEAN WATER ACT: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, we are excited to host an in-depth discussion of this bedrock environmental law, featuring Alabama's own William Andreen, Research Professor of Law at The University of Alabama School of Law. Bill has written extensively about water law and policy, and he is currently writing a book chapter titled *The Clean Water Act: Success, Backlash, and Remaining Challenges* which will be published in 2023. He will be joined by clean water advocates who have been working on the ground in Alabama for decades to ensure the Clean Water Act is implemented and enforced. **The Clean Water Act is our most powerful tool for protecting clean water. You won't want to miss this discussion!**

SPEAKERS: Bill Andreen (UA School of Law), Cade Kistler (Mobile Baykeeper and Waterkeepers Alabama) & Keith Johnston (SELC)

5:30 – 6:30 pm

DINNER

6:45 – 8 pm
Campfire

THE STORY OF US: ALABAMA RIVERS ALLIANCE'S 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ARA was formed in 1997 with the mission to strengthen an already growing river movement and to continue building and sustaining this movement to protect clean water and healthy rivers across Alabama! Join us Friday evening as we share some of the stories from this long, strange trip. We'll celebrate the many seasoned voices who have made this work possible, and welcome the new folks eager to keep writing this story for years to come. Make your mark on the interactive visual timeline for every partner organization and individual to share your own story as part of the movement to #DefendRivers in Alabama for the past 25 years. **Meet us around the fire as we reunite, share, laugh and ground ourselves in the powerful Story of Us.**

8 pm - ?

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES ...

We'll continue the celebration around the fire and grounds with music, dancing, story-telling and more. Not feeling the vibes? That's fine, we don't believe in forced fun. Musically inclined? Bring your own instrument and let's make some music together! Move with joy and delight as we celebrate the people and organizations who have worked to #DefendRivers in Alabama for 25+ years - **including you!**

SATURDAY	
8 – 8:45 am	BREAKFAST
9:15 – 11:45 am	<p>A CHANGE IS GONNA COME: THE WORK OF MOVEMENT BUILDING</p> <p>None of the greatest challenges facing our society – or our environment – have been won by individuals alone. Big challenges require strong movements; from the civil rights movement to the labor movement to the environmental movement. Movement building requires hard work. The climate change crisis is no longer just a threat. It has arrived, it is here, and we must move together now to meet this challenge. This inspiring and motivating session will help participants understand what it takes to build and sustain a movement, why it’s important to be a part of a larger movement, how our existing movements are working together to face the climate crisis and most importantly - how you can be a part of it all!</p> <p>Speakers: Kyle Crider (People’s Justice Council), Michael Hansen (Alabama Hub, GS4GND), Abigail Franks (Southeast Climate & Energy Network), April Ingle (Clean Water for All coalition)</p>
noon – 1:15 pm	LUNCH + GROUP PHOTO
1:30 – 3:30 pm	<p>THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WHAT WHY & HOW?</p> <p>Perhaps you’ve heard the phrase “civic engagement” around every corner lately and wondered what exactly it means? It’s not just a fancier word for “politics” and it’s definitely not just a trend. If you have ever been to a city council meeting, responded to an action alert, or voted, then you have participated in civic engagement. It is an essential set of skills for all activists seeking to make positive change. This interactive session will demystify civic engagement and give participants the skills and motivation to engage with government at all levels - federal, state and local. We will also illuminate the important connection between voting and engaging with candidates to protect clean water and address climate change.</p> <p>Speakers: Kathleen Kirkpatrick (Hometown Action) Bradley Davidson, (Conservation Alabama), Jack West (Alabama Rivers Alliance) and Cory Pettway (community leader and ARA Board Member), April Ingle (Clean Water for All coalition)</p>
3:30 – 4 pm	CLOSING TIME & WRAP UP!

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