

NEWS FROM HUDSON RIVER MILE 18



[Beczak's eNewsletter](#)

[July 2010](#)

Dear friend,

Last week a reporter contacted me for a quote on the BP oil disaster. He came to Beczak on a gorgeous sunny day ... it was hard to imagine that oil had been spilling into the Gulf of Mexico for over two months.

We chatted about how the work of Beczak and other environmental education groups is to ensure that the next generation will be more knowledgeable and more questioning before selling nature.

Click on this link to watch the resulting video entitled "[Environmental Education is the Key to Avoiding Disaster.](#)" It captures the essence of what we do at Beczak far better than words alone.

Best regards,




Cliff Schneider,
Executive Director



It's camp time! Children ages 5 – 12 love kayaking, fishing, hiking and exploring with Beczak's educators. There's a few spots still open—sign your child up for [SUMMER ADVENTURES](#) today.

Mark Your Calendar



Summer Adventures
on the Hudson River
at Beczak Environmental Education Center

Kayak, fish, hike, explore
Weekly Sessions in July ages 6-12

914.377.1900 x12
www.beczak.org

Spots still available for [Summer Adventures](#) on the Hudson, our week-long nature programs in July. Contact vgarufi@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 x 12

Session 1: July 12 – 16, ages 10 – 12, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, \$350

Session 2: July 19 – 23, ages 7 – 9, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, \$350

Session 3: July 26 – 30, ages 5 – 6, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, \$250

Partial and full scholarships available.
[Contact us today!](#)



Digital Nature Photography Tips and Techniques Thurs. July 8, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, \$10. Register with vagufi@beczak.org / (914) 377 – 1900 x 12.

Local naturalist and photographer Gene Lugo will present a slide show of his work and discuss the special planning and techniques associated with each image. Emphasis will be on the subtleties and nuances that can take a good idea and turn it into a stunning image. Bring your own favorite images for class viewing and discussion.



Hudson River Sunset Sail

July 15, 6:00 – 8:30 pm \$50 a ticket

A benefit for Beczak Environmental Education Center, celebrating twenty years of river education. Departing from the Yonkers Pier

*Reservations:
BeczakNews@beczak.org
(914) 377-1900 ext. 14*

*Beczak Environmental Education Center
35 Alexander Street, Yonkers, NY 10701 www.beczak.org*

Enjoy a rare chance to sail aboard the A. J. Meerwald, a beautifully restored turn-of-the-century schooner, while supporting Beczak! Reserve your spots at BeczakNews@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 x 14.

Relax on deck and enjoy the view of the Palisades ... or learn seamanship skills from the captain and the crew including raising the sails and taking a turn at the helm.

THIS FUNDRAISER IS JULY 15, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, \$50 A TICKET



Our sixth annual Family Campfire and Kayaking on Saturday July 24, 3:00 – 8:00, FREE! For more information, contact Sjuggernaut@beczak.org / (914) 377-1900 x 13.

Spend an evening on the shores of the Hudson and enjoy Catch of the Day Seining, kayaking, barbeque, live music, a riverfront campfire and creating a collaborative dream catcher with artist Maggie Ens.

Cosponsored by the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club.

July and August Events at Beczak

RIVER EXPLORERS



Hands-on Nature Programs for Ages 5 – 12

Hudson River Fish Families, Saturday July 17, 11:00 AM – noon, and 1:00 – 2:00 PM, \$5 per child. Meet amazing fish and discover their favorite meals, vacation spots and family traditions. Registration required: Sign up with [Susan](#), (914) 377-1900 x 13

Hoist Your Colors, Saturday, August 28, 11:00 AM – noon, and 1:00 – 2:00 PM, \$5 per child. Learn about the nautical world through boats, flags, pirates and their connection to the Hudson River. Registration required: Sign up with [Susan](#), (914) 377-1900 x 13



Children ages 3 – 5 Discover Nature Through Books and Beczak’s Backyard

The Very Lonely Firefly, Saturday July 10, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, \$5. A little firefly buzzes off in search of friends and finds a candle, a flashlight and other lights in this story time and craft featuring the work of author Eric Carle. Registration required: Sign up with [Susan](#), (914) 377-1900 x 13.

The Grouchy Ladybug, Saturday August 14, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, \$5. See a bad-tempered braggart become a nicer, happier bug in this story time and craft featuring the work of author Eric Carle. Registration required: Sign up with [Susan](#), (914) 377-1900 x 13.

Hudson River Family Seining

Catch fish and other remarkable Hudson River creatures by wading into the river and dragging a 30’ net through the water. Led by Beczak educators, rain or shine. We provide waterproof overalls for all sizes. \$5 per person, all ages. Registration required: Sign up with [Susan](#), (914) 377-1900 x 13.

July 11: 2:00 – 4:00 PM	August 21: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
July 18: 10:00 AM – noon	August 22: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
August 7 & 8: 2:00 – 4:00 PM	September 5: 2:00 – 4:00 PM



Lucky 13 and The YaYas. Saturday, July 17, 7 PM, \$10. Folk rock in the style of Crosby, Stills & Nash, called “magical” by WFUV’s John Platt, plus pop folk from favorite local trio called “riveting” by Acoustic Live! Admission includes free beer from sponsor Captain Lawrence Brewing Company. www.urbanh2o.org, (914) 377-1900 x 13 for more info.

Milton and Julia Joseph. Saturday, August 21, 7 PM, \$10. A lively, rootsy collective that plays street-smart NYC folk / freewheeling Texas troubadour-style alt-country and a magnetic singer-songwriter with a beautifully cut, multi-faceted, 5-carat diamond voice. Admission includes free

beer from sponsor Captain Lawrence Brewing Company. www.urbanh2o.org, (914) 377-1900 x 13 for more info.

PROGRAM NEWS

Beczak Launches Bob's Kids at 20th Anniversary Celebration

Beczak Environmental Education Center has launched a new scholarship program called **Bob's Kids** which will financially assist children who could not otherwise attend Beczak programs. The name honors Bob Walters, Beczak's first Executive Director and "Champion of the River" whose dedicated service continues on Beczak's Board of Directors.

Bob's Kids was kicked-off during Beczak Environmental Education Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration on May 26. A cornerstone donation of \$2,500 was made by Blackacre Partners, the environment remediation specialists and long-time friends of Beczak and Bob Walters, accompanied by more than a dozen other donors. **Bob's Kids** will send several children to Beczak's *Summer Adventures* this July and will continue through the year. Anyone wishing to make a donation contact Cliff Schneider, Beczak's Executive Director, at (914) 377-1900 x 15.

If you'd like to be added to our email list, Please [click here](#).

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Beczak Environmental Education Center

On the riverfront, one block north of the Yonkers Train Station. Parking available.

35 ALEXANDER STREET, YONKERS, NY 10701 914.377.1900 WWW.BECAK.ORG