

## NEWS FROM HUDSON RIVER MILE 18

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### WELCOME TO BECZAK'S ONLINE NEWSLETTER

I grew up on a farm in Washington State—we had wheat, pigs, a cow, a horse, chickens and a huge garden.

At Beczak I am surrounded by a whole new eco-system. Our aquaria are temporary homes for the fish caught in our **Catch of the Day Seining** programs. I walk by mummichogs, striped bass, white perch, a blue crab and shrimp and other Hudson River species several times each day.

Now we're starting something new—oyster gardening. Check out the Program News at the bottom of this newsletter to find out more.

Best regards,  
Cliff Schneider  
Executive Director

WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2009



*Children touch a Northern Pipefish—a Hudson River relative of the seahorse.*

**Spaces still available—sign up now!**  
**BECZAK'S SUMMER CAMP**  
**RIVER EXPLORERS**



**July 20–24, ages 6–8**  
**July 27–31, ages 9–12**

[Click here](#) for more info.

## THIS WEEKEND

**FATHER'S DAY FUN:** Take your kids fishing Beczak-style on Sunday, June 21!



**Saturday, June 20 and  
Sunday, June 21**  
1:30 – 4:30 PM, all ages  
Catch of the Day  
Seining  
[Read More...](#)

Come visit! Beczak is open to the public every day from 9 – 5.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR Upcoming events at Beczak



**Saturday, June 27 and  
Sunday, June 28**  
11 AM – 12:30 PM &  
1:30 – 3:00 PM  
From Bud to Bloom  
[Read More...](#)



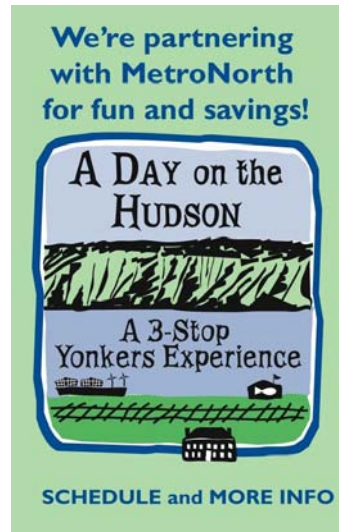
*As seen in the NY Times book review*

**Saturday, June 27**  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
The Mannahatta  
Project: **A Hudson  
Quadricentennial  
Lecture** with Dr. Eric  
Sanderson. [Read more...](#)



**Sunday, July 12**  
11 AM – 12:30 PM &  
1:30 – 3:00 PM  
Animals in  
Disguise  
Become an expert in the  
hidden world of  
underwater camouflage.

## EVERY WEEKEND NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER



## THE TIDAL ZONE The latest from Beczak's blog

What's that noise?

Today, above all the usual bird chatter, I heard an aria of high peeping. Looking around, I noticed a small bird circling from the birdhouse, over into the marsh, then back to his little house... [Read more...](#)



An eco-friendly  
alternative!

Easy for parents and  
fun for children.

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## PROGRAM NEWS

### **Beczak Begins Oyster Gardening**

Beczak Environmental Education Center is the most recent organization to join the [NY/NJ Baykeeper Oyster Restoration Program](#). On June 17, Cliff Schneider, Executive Director of Beczak Environmental Education Center, and Vicky Garufi, Education Program Manager, took the train, subway and ferry to Governor's Island, off the tip of lower Manhattan, to pick up 1,000 young oysters, two float systems and lines to hang the oysters. Half of this starter kit will be shared with Yonkers' [Science Barge](#) who will also be participating in this project. Oysters are vital to the ecological well being of the Hudson River Estuary. Baykeeper has been working to restore oyster beds in the Hudson-Raritan Estuary since 1999. This volunteer driven oyster gardening program has resulted in the restoration of hundreds of thousands of oysters to the Estuary eco-system, allowing this keystone species to begin playing its natural role in cleansing our waterway. "We know that in September 1609 Henry Hudson stopped in what is now Yonkers to trade for oysters with the Native Americans. I'm thrilled to play a part in bringing oysters back to Yonkers," said Beczak's Cliff Schneider.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Beczak is growing and we need your help.**

We are looking for weekend assistance at our waterfront environmental center with seining, children's activities and birthday parties, as well as at Beczak's table during summer Hudson River festivals. Age 16 and older. Please contact Steve Ruff by [clicking here](#).

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## Beczak Environmental Education Center

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

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