

# *Forked River Mountain Views*

*Newsletter of the Forked River Mountain Coalition*

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## *Membership Drive Underway*

During the dog days of summer, members were busy working on an ad-hoc by-laws committee preparing a constitution and by-laws for the Coalition. We are in the process of filing for New Jersey non-profit status and will follow up with the IRS to obtain 501(c)3 status. This will enable the Coalition to apply for grants to continue our educational projects and to further land preservation efforts around the Forked River Mountains.

As a new organization, the support of our membership is vital. Because you have previously expressed an interest in preserving this vast wilderness we are asking you now for your continued support by becoming a member of the Forked River Mountain Coalition. Your support will enable us to continue our grass-roots initiative so we can realize our goal of preserving this rich wilderness. Your membership benefits will include:

Admission to Coalition sponsored activities, events and programs.

Receipt of informational and educational material including Forked River Mountain Views, the Coalition's newsletter.

The opportunity to volunteer and participate in activities, events and programs to achieve the goals and objectives of the Coalition.

To become a member simply complete and mail the membership application on the reverse side.

## *Fundraising Events Planned*

Now that the Coalition has completed its display board, we will be visiting various events throughout the area to bring our grass-roots initiative closer to the people. The first event, Lacey Day, was held on August 13, 1994 at Hebrew Park in Lanoka Harbor. It was a huge success. Our members were able to answer questions and handout educational and informational literature. Forked River Mountain Tee Shirts, Sweatshirts and our new Forked River Mountain mugs were available.

On September 24 and 25, we will be at the Barnegat Bay Decoy Show at Pinelands Regional Middle and High Schools in Little Egg Harbor. We also plan to attend the Cranberry Festival in Chatsworth on October 15 and 16. Stop by and visit us at these events and show your support for the Forked River Mountains.

*If you would like to volunteer and help out at the Decoy Show or Cranberry Festival call (609) 971-1635*

## *Historical Accounts-Records Preserved*

Elizabeth Morgan, the Coalition's historian, has assembled and organized years worth of historical records, newspaper clippings and memorabilia on the Forked River Mountains into an easily accessible file. Assisted by Mrs. Engle Kirby of Medford, valuable accounts and records of the areas natural and cultural history are now preserved. Having quick access to such information is essential if we are to protect the resources of this rich wilderness. Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Kirby are now working on a bibliography that will include books and other accounts of the Forked River Mountains.

## *Other News*

\* Work continues on our slide show which we hope to complete soon and put on VHS video tape. The tapes will be made available as another fundraising item to support our activities.

\* We continue to monitor development activities and are planning our second meeting with representatives of Green Acres and other agencies as well as our partners, NJCF and TNC.

\* We are also planning a VIP tour for our state legislators, similar to the one conducted this past spring for our federal representatives.

\* Work will also begin on next years Forked River Mountain Clean Up.

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Forked River Mountain Coalition Membership Application

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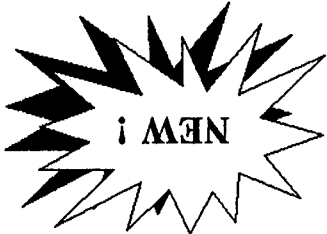
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