Tues, May 30 and Thurs, June 1
Lock and Dam for Kids
Anthony Hedleston, Civil Engineer, USACE
This lecture is for children and their parents who are interested in the functions of a Lock and Dam. While learning about how the Lock and Dam works and its purpose, you will get a chance to look through the dam. All children will be required to wear a life jacket while on board the Water Taxi.

Tues, June 6 and Thurs, June 8
Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi
Karen Anderson
Iowa's earliest settlers walked, rode horses, or hopped a log into the Black Hawk Purchase, but by 1854, two miles north of the Twin Bridges, steamboats lined the St. Louis levee. By 1907, the St. Croixfluss family of Rock Island had amassed the largest fleet of luxury steamboats in the world.

Tues, June 13 and Thurs, June 15
Raptors on the Mississippi
Dave Murca, Naturalist
Learn from a Scott County Conservation Naturalist as he discusses birds of prey in the Quad Cities, habitats, ecology, and human impacts on these amazing flying predators. Be sure to bring your kids to see a live raptor up close and personal!

Tues, June 20 and Thurs, June 22
Ferndyng on the Mississippi
Reggie McLeod, "Big River Magazine"
Before we had car and pedestrian bridges to travel across the Mississippi River, people used to utilize the ferry system to cross the water. Learn all about the history of ferndying on the Mississippi, why it is important to the history of the river, and where you can find ferries today.

Tues, July 4 and Thurs, July 6
Quad City Pelicans
Tim Murphy, Quad City Audubon Society
Big white birds that look like they come straight from prehistoric times can be found all over the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities. Twenty years ago, this was not the case. Explore possible reasons the American White Pelican population has boomed over the years.

Tues, July 11 and Thurs, July 13
Quad City Pelicans
Jon Duyvejonck, Mississippi River Biologist
Learn about the flora and fauna that call the Mississippi River home and how the changing climate will effect river life in the future.

Tues, August 1 and Thurs, August 3
River Landscape Mosaic
Dr. Robert Henry and Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College
Why does the river flow east-west here? What are river processes, and how have humans changed them? What are current waterfront uses and environmental issues? Post 15 from Arsenal Island to Hampton is a good section to learn about the processes and consider these questions and have a river view of the new lock.

Tues, August 8 and Thurs, August 10
Coast Guard of the Mississippi
Evan Bedsole, US Coast Guard
The District 8, Upper Mississippi River Coast Guard patrols the inland waterways and rivers in the US, including the Mississippi River. Learn about the responsibilities of the coast guard and the inspections and investigations they complete to ensure the safety of everyone using the river.

Tues, August 22 and Thurs, August 24
Lock and Dam 15 Improvements
Anthony Hedleston, Civil Engineer, USACE
We will look through the lock constructed for the 9-foot channel system in the 1930s, and learn about how it operates. On our way to and from the lock and dam we’ll discuss why it was built and the maintenance and upkeep required to keep it running for the past 90 years.

Tues, August 29 and Thurs, August 31
Commercial Fishing
Mike Schafer, Fishermen
Experience a commercial fisherman’s stories and how they make a living on the Mississippi River. Then, enjoy a fresh caught snack after the tour.

Wed, May 31 and Thurs, June 2
Farming for the Future
Robb Ewoldt, Ewoldt Farm
Come walk farm fields and learn what a local farmer is doing to promote sustainable farming in the Iowa farmland and local waterways.

Meet At: The red machine shed at the Ewoldt farm
10386 130 St, Davenport, IA

Wed, June 14 and Sat, June 17
Patriots of the Prairie
Aaron Anderson
From Dred Scott’s ‘history making days on a Land Grant claim in Bettendorf, to John Brown’s most famous pistol-packing slave train crossing on the Mississippi and through the St. Louis Premium-County abolitionist freedom fighters hit the fuse which ignited the Civil War.

Meet at: Leach Park, 2200보호, Bettendorf, IA (right side of boat ramp)

Wed, June 28 and Sat, July 1
River Bandits’ Stadium Tour
Dave Helle, River Bandits Owner
Join Dave Helle as he talks about the River Bandits, Modern Woodmen Park, and the challenges and advantages to owning a small business on the Mississippi River while touring the place where it all happens!

Meet at: Modern Woodmen Park, 209 S Gaines St. Davenport, IA

Wed, July 19 and Sat, July 22
Ecology of the Mississippi River
Teresa Nelson, Co-Owner of Top Sedums
Tour a unique local farm that has been custom growing vegetative roof modules that have become a part of buildings in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Meet at: Roof Top Sedums, 20770 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA

Wed, August 2 and Sat, August 5
Future Projects Under the I-74 Bridge
Jason Holiday, City of Bettendorf Public Works
What will happen to all the space under the new I-74 Bridge? Learn about the "urban park" the City of Bettendorf wants to create to connect and beautify the downtown area.

Meet at: Leach Park, 100 12th St, Bettendorf, IA

Wed, August 16 and Sat, August 19
Expanding Nahant Marsh
Brian Ritter, Executive Director, Nahant Marsh Education Center
Learn about what Nahant Marsh plans to do with their newly acquired 60-acre parcel of agricultural land and the development of a network of wildlife corridors that better connect Nahant Marsh to other nearby natural areas.

Meet at: Nahant Marsh Education Center, 4220 Wapello Ave. Davenport, IA

Wed, August 30 and Sat, September 2
Creepy Quad Cities
Michael McCarty, Co-Author of "Eerie Quad Cities” and “Ghosts of the Quad Cities”
From giant Catfish in the Mississippi River to Big Foot, the Spider Monkey Specter of Little River Island. Learn about all the creepy tales from the Quad Cities that are featured in Michael’s books. Meet at: Sylvan Slough, 1st Ave. & 2nd St. Moline, IL

If you are curious about the terrain or difficulty of a walk please call River Action for more information at (563) 322-2969.

Riverine Walks
Meet at Riverbend Commons, 2951 E River Dr, Moline, IL at 9 A.M.

Wed, July 7 and Sat, June 10
Hampton’s Historic Riverfront Walking Tour
Tom McKay
This tour, starting at the 1849 Bettron and Black building, will discuss houses, businesses, and customs that link Hampton to the Mississippi River.

Meet at: The Bretton & Black Store, 529 1st Ave. Hampton, IL

Wed, July 21 and Sat, June 24
Infrastructure Along Pool 15
Matt Johnson
Bridges, roads, locks, and water treatment development along the Mississippi River. We will discuss and view the history and features of some of these engineering projects, their impact to this stretch of the river, and some that still serve our community.

Meet at: Landscape Park, 2200 E 11th St. Davenport, IA

Wed, July 12 and Sat, July 15
Saving Monarch Butterflies
Paige Burke, QC Monarch Rescue Team
Learn about small, local groups of passionate heroes who are trying to repopulate the endangered Monarch Butterfly. Then participate in a hunt for Monarch caterpillars, and eggs to increase their chance at survival by raising them in captivity. (MRT will collect all eggs and caterpillars at the end of the tour)

Meet at: Nahant Marsh Education Center, 4220 Wapello Ave. Davenport, IA

Wed, July 26 and Sat, July 29
The Butterworth Center and Deer-In-Water House
Gretchen Small, Butterworth Center
Overlooking the Mississippi River sits the homes of John Deere and his descendants. Learn about the Deere family’s connections to the river.

Meet at: Butterworth Center and Deer-In-Water House, 1105 8th St. Moline, IL

Wed, August 9 and Sat, August 12
Mercado on 5th
Maria Ontiveros, President, Mercado
Not just a market, this non-profit serves as a resource for many minority owned businesses in the Quad Cities. Learn how Mercado fosters cultural pride with educational opportunities, business development, and events.

Meet at: 5th Ave. and 12th St. Moline, IL

Wed, August 23 and Sat, August 26
Connecting Riverfronts to History:
Florencito to Sylvan
Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College and Kathy Wine, River Action
Enjoy walking the planned trail to connect Sylvan Island and the Mississippi River with Moline’s Floreciente neighborhood. Learn about the rich history of Floreciente and its special relationship with Sylvan.

Meet at: St. John’s Lutheran Church parking lot at 45th St. and 6th Ave. Rock Island, IL

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Davenport, IA 52803

What is the Explore the River Series?

A program which teaches participants first-hand about wildlife, history, culture, and geography of the Mississippi River and the Quad Cities.

Channel Cat Talk participants tour the Mississippi River aboard the Channel Cat Water Taxi, while experts narrate.

Riverine Walk participants explore the Quad Cities riverfront and other significant places through guided walks and talks.

Who We Are

We all have a common history linked to the Mississippi River and with each new trail connection, new public access to the riverfront, and new visual link to the Mighty Mississippi, we become more united.

River Action remains committed to helping establish those connections - physical, visual, and philosophical - to our common riverfront and our common future.

If you’d like to continue the momentum of our united Riverway, we hope you’ll consider renewing your membership or joining as a new member of River Action. With your help we can continue to achieve great things in the coming years!

Please return this portion with payment To: River Action, 822 E River Dr, Davenport, IA 52803
Pay online at www.riveraction.org/education, make sure a check is payable to River Action, or provide credit card information. Sorry, No Refunds. Questions? Call (563) 322-2969
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