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# KinniKeeper

A publication of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust

## RIVER FALLS FLY FISHING FILM FESTIVAL

Please  
come!



TICKET PRICE  
**\$15.00**

*All proceeds benefit the KRLT*

**Friday, March 11 5 p.m. – Doors open | 7 p.m. – Films begin**

UWRF University Center | Riverview Ballroom | 501 Wild Rose Ave. | River Falls, WI

***“Last year’s event generated over \$12,000 for the KRLT!”***

Do you have your tickets for the River Falls Fly Fishing Film Festival (R4F)? If not, hurry to Lund’s Fly Shop in River Falls to buy them! Or, purchase them online at [www.flyfilmtour.com](http://www.flyfilmtour.com). The pre-event social gathering, starting at 5:00 p.m., includes food and beverages for purchase, local artists, fly tying demos from some great local tyers, and raffles and auctions to raise money for the KRLT! The main event starts at 7:00 p.m.; 7-8 films of exceptional quality will be shown, each with a running time of 10-30 minutes. Go to [www.flyfilmtour.com](http://www.flyfilmtour.com) to see trailers for this year’s films.

Stop by and visit us at our KRLT booth—we’re giving away 2 YETI Hopper coolers! In addition to generating fun, all proceeds from this event will generate funds for the KRLT! With participation (and attendees) from multiple states, *last year’s event generated over \$12,000 for the KRLT!*

***Don’t let this event be  
the fun that got away -  
get your ticket today!***



# RIVER FALLS HYDRO DAMS

## UPDATE

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, which passed a resolution in support of a process that would consider the removal of the hydroelectric dams, is working closely with

- Friends of the Kinni
- Kiap-TU-Wish chapter of Trout Unlimited
- River Alliance of Wisconsin
- National Park Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and
- Other groups and agencies

We are all responding to the City Council and developing the information needed for the decisions it must make about the future of the hydroelectric dams on your river.

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### TWO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE RECENTLY OCCURRED WHICH FURTHER THE PROCESS.

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First, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, acting on an appeal of the City of River Falls, has determined to grant rehearing for further consideration of the five year license extension application filed by the City. The City is seeking the extension to undertake its planning and decision process. Congressman Ron Kind supported this request with a letter to FERC on January 26, 2016.

2

Second, the Friends of the Kinni, working with the River Alliance as fiscal agent, has received notice of a \$10,000.00 grant to assist in the development of the feasibility and costs which will be incurred to remove the two dams. The grant was made by the Wisconsin DNR.



Want to learn more about the City of River Falls' Hydroelectric Facilities relicensing process and related river corridor planning? You can find all of the official documents on the City's website at

**[www.rfcity.org/hydro](http://www.rfcity.org/hydro)**.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Friday, March 11**

River Falls Fly Fishing Film Festival (R4F)

5:00 p.m. – Doors open

7:00 p.m. – Films begin

UWRF University Center

## **Saturday, March 12**

River Falls Fly Fishing Expo

UWRF University Center

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The fly fishing festivities continue on Saturday with a Fly Fishing Expo. Enjoy fly shops, fly tyers, seminars, local artists & guides, fly casting instruction, beer & wine tasting and fly tying demos!

## **Saturday, April 16**

KRLT Strategic Planning

The Board of Directors will evaluate and update the current Strategic Plan. Your input is desired. Please contact any Board Member or our Executive Director prior to April 16 with topics you feel should be evaluated. An electronic copy of the current Strategic Plan may be obtained from [kim@kinniriver.org](mailto:kim@kinniriver.org).

## **Saturday, April 30**

23rd Annual KinniRiverCleanUp™

Glen Park, River Falls

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come help keep the Kinni cold, clean and free . . . forever by removing garbage from the Kinni and its watershed! Lunch will be provided by local sponsors. Register now for this event on our website at [www.kinniriver.org](http://www.kinniriver.org) or facebook.

## **Saturday, May 7**

"Wings of Spring"

International Migratory Bird Day Festival

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

River Falls City Hall

This free celebration of the migratory birds' journey from north Latin America and southern North America is hosted by the St. Croix Valley Bird Club. Say hello to KRLT board members and staff at our own booth and learn about your Trust.

## **Saturday, June 11**

KRLT Annual Meeting

River Falls Public Library

10:00 a.m.

The KRLT's Annual Meeting includes a business meeting with annual reports and the election of new Board Members. We plan to follow the business meeting with a program on river restoration. Mark your calendar and watch for more information!

## **Friday, July 8**

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River Falls Days Parade

6:30 p.m. – Main to Second Street

Enjoy the River Falls Days Parade and watch for the KRLT float! Wave to Scrappy, dressed with trash collected from the KinniRiverCleanUp™, and use the garbage bag we will be handing out to collect your trash.

## **Saturday, July 9**

River Falls Days

KRLT Booth

Stop by and visit us at our booth!

**BE INVOLVED!** *Your support is critical to accomplish our mission.*

### **MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

- Become a member
  - Renew your membership
  - ☐ \$1,200 *Kinni Guardian*
  - ☐ \$ 500 *Kinni Associate*
  - ☐ \$ 250 *Kinni Supporter*
  - ☐ \$ 100 *Kinni Friend*
  - ☐ \$ 50 *Kinni Learner*
  - ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ *Other*
- Become a *sustaining* member with a recurring monthly donation.

### **MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE**

- ☐ Give a gift in memory of someone
- ☐ Give a gift in tribute for a special occasion for you or someone else

### **DONATE A GIFT OF:**

- ☐ Stock
- ☐ Real Estate
- ☐ Conservation Easement
- ☐ Include KRLT in your will or estate plan

### **VOLUNTEER**

- ☐ Professional Services
- ☐ Office Assistance
- ☐ Easement/Preserve Monitoring
- ☐ Annual KinniRiverCleanUp™

Contact the KRLT office for information about any of the methods of giving.

Phone: 715-425-5738

Email: [info@kinniriver.org](mailto:info@kinniriver.org)



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*Volunteers adding cut brush to a fire as part of a work day at Kelly Creek Preserve.*

From its beginning, the KRLT has had a tradition of volunteerism. Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections perhaps once a year, but when you volunteer you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.