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Black Warrior Riverkeeper Celebrates 10 Years of Service on June 6 "Cruisin' on the River": Beer, Food, Tunes and a Sunset Cruise

Tuscaloosa – On Wednesday, June 6, 2012, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Black Warrior Riverkeeper will celebrate 10 years of clean water advocacy with the event "Cruisin' on the River." The sunset cruise on the Bama Belle Riverboat in Tuscaloosa features a tour of the Black Warrior River's Oliver pool.

Accomplished singer and guitar player <u>Stuart McNair</u> will play throughout the cruise. Gourmet food will be provided by <u>Snow's Bend Farm</u> and prepared by <u>Food Studio B</u>. The event features beer by <u>SweetWater Brewing Company</u> and water by <u>Keeper Springs</u>. The boat will leave the dock at 6:30 and return at 8:30.

<u>Tickets</u> are on sale now at http://bwrk.eventbrite.com. 100 tickets are available. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Admission includes beer, food, music, and a sunset cruise on the Black Warrior River.

Proceeds benefit Black Warrior Riverkeeper's efforts to protect the Black Warrior River watershed, which includes Lake Tuscaloosa's drinking water supply reservoir on the North River, providing water to 200,000 people.

The Black Warrior River watershed also provides roughly half of Birmingham's drinking water. Black Warrior Riverkeeper will have another 10th anniversary celebration in Birmingham on Saturday, September 22. Black Warrior Riverkeeper's website now features a timeline of "watershed moments" in the nonprofit organization's history: http://blackwarriorriver.org/timeline.html.

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Black Warrior Riverkeeper (<u>blackwarriorriver.org</u>) is a citizen-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. A member of Waterkeeper Alliance, Black Warrior Riverkeeper was the Alabama Environmental Council's 2007 Conservation Organization of the Year and the American Canoe Association's 2008 Green Paddle Award winner. Nelson Brooke, Riverkeeper, won the Alabama Rivers Alliance's 2010 River Hero Award. In 2011 the Black Warrior became one of America's Most Endangered Rivers due to coal pollution. For more information about the event or to become an event sponsor, contact Jenn Patterson at (205) 458-0095, <u>jpatterson@blackwarriorriver.org</u> or Charles Scribner at (205) 458-0095, <u>cscribner@blackwarriorriver.org</u>.