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RE: Please Join RRP Today for 2009!

Dear Old and New Friends of Roanoke River Partners:

Thank you for your continued love and enthusiasm for eastern NC, the Roanoke River and Roanoke River Partners!

Roanoke River Partners continue to be very active and are working on a number of projects. After thirteen years of operation, our camping platforms are drawing approximately 1000 campers annually. A recent ECU study noted that the RRP Paddle Trail and camping platforms are putting approximately \$400,000 back in to local economies annually. We have a lot to be excited about! However, we need your financial support to maintain the Paddle Trail with its 13 exotic camping platforms, as well as RRP's numerous other projects along the river.

We continue to partner with organizations like The Conservation Fund, NC Nature Conservancy, MidEast and Four Rivers RC&D, NC Paddle Trails Association, Partnership for the Sounds, Roanoke/Cashie River Center, and the various tourism authorities and chambers in the five counties along the Roanoke River. In addition, we are pleased to announce that ECU's Center for Sustainable Tourism is a new partner joining us as we cultivate ecotourism and promote diversity and economic development along the Roanoke River and throughout eastern North Carolina.

Our renovation project of the Hamilton Rosenwald School is well underway, and our first ever Roanoke River Ramble from Weldon to Halifax last November hosted over 125 paddlers from all across the state of North Carolina. Our upcoming Spring Paddle Days is fast approaching, and enthusiasm for this event increases each year – last year we had paddlers from three states and Belgium!

If you are a member of Roanoke River Partners, please renew today! If you have not yet officially joined our group, please join us! 100% of your dollar goes directly towards RRP projects, including maintaining the camping platforms and paddling trails along the Roanoke! We appreciate your interest, welcome your support and hope that you will come out and paddle with us sometime real soon.

Sincerely,

Roanoke River Partners, Inc.

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