

# NAAEI Affiliate Education Conference Group Event: Thursday, August 14, 2008

Join The Greater Charlotte Apartment Association, The Triangle Apartment Association and NAAEI for a unique event at the **U.S. National Whitewater Center**, located 20 minutes from the Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel.

Select one of the following activities:

## ◇ Whitewater Rafting

Paddle through non-stop class II-IV whitewater on the world's largest man-made re-circulating river! The fully guided raft trips take you through the heart of the USNWC's 300 acre wooded facility, providing an unparalleled whitewater experience. Over the course of the two hour trip, you'll surf waves on the wilderness section and challenge your skills on the tight turns of the competition channel. After a run down, you will ride a conveyer belt back to the upper pond to take on another channel!

## ◇ Flatwater Kayaking - Guided or Unguided

With over 1.5 miles of riverfront property along the Catawba River, the USNWC provides excellent opportunities for flatwater paddling. Long Creek serves as the northern boundary of the Center and this is an excellent creek to explore by canoe or kayak. Additionally, the South Fork River and numerous wonderful creeks are a short paddling distance from the flatwater put-in at the USNWC. All of these creeks and rivers create a feeling that you are hundreds of miles away from the city due to the limited development and the variety of flora and fauna present along the banks. Take a two hour guided tour, led by a USNWC staff member educated in the local environment or go on your own.

## ◇ Trails

Hike or run eleven miles of rolling trails in the forests surrounding the whitewater channels. Trails flow in and out of the trees to take in views of the Catawba River and various creeks and ponds throughout the forest.

## ◇ Eco Caching on the trails:

Jump into a fun, high-tech, interpretive treasure hunt on 307 acres. Playing off the worldwide geocaching concept, the Eco Caching program focuses on environmental education. Explorers use GPS-receivers with programmed treasure hunting destinations to log the find in the passport. A scenic hike, clever seeking skills, and a keen eye will end with the excitement of the cache discovery. Caches will focus on a specific plant, animal, or a natural concept. Inside are fun fact cards, a unique stamp, and a hands-on activity. This is a great way to explore the woods and learn about your surroundings!

**Reserve your space today!**

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The deadline to sign up is August 1.

