

This month, learn more about upcoming programs and events including Water Watch Week!

BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



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About the Alliance

The Beaver Watershed Alliance was formed in 2010 to establish programming to maintain high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improve water quality on the Beaver Lake Watershed. The Alliance represents a diverse stakeholder group from conservation, education, water utilities, technical and science, agriculture, recreation, business, and local government groups working together for the cause of clean water.



Floaters during last year's Water Watch Week cleanup

Water Watch Week to come to Arkansas in June

This year will be the first annual Water Watch Week in Arkansas. Water Watch Week is a series of various programs and events focused on water quality education and outreach. The primary goal of this event is to highlight water-related tours, workshops, and recreation activities, in order to promote the importance of maintaining water quality in our region's streams and lakes.

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Upcoming Events

March 7

World Water Thirstday - University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

March 13

Mullins Creek Restoration Tour - Mullins Creek, Fayetteville

March 18 - 20

Girl Scout "Spring has Sprung" Nature Camp - Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center, Fayetteville

March 26

NWA IECA Lunch 'n Learn - Golden Corral, Rogers

April 4 - 5

Sustainable AR State Conference - The Chancellor Hotel, Fayetteville

April 6

Lake Smart Training - Center for Nonprofits, Rogers

April 12

Spring Rain Garden Academy - Beaver Water District, Lowell

April 20

Earth Day Celebration - Fayetteville

Water Watch Week, which is actually a two-week program scheduled for June 1st through the 16th, is put on by Ozarks Water Watch, a local not-for-profit organization whose mission is to protect the water quality of the Upper White River basin, which includes the Beaver Lake Watershed. This is not the first year for Water Watch Week, but it is the first time that the full event will take place in Arkansas.

Water Watch Week will kick off with War Eagle Appreciation Day on June 1st. Other major events planned during the two-week period include the Girl Scout Water WISE day at Hobbs State Park - Conservation Area and the Four State Watershed Academy in Branson. Water WISE is an event for Northwest Arkansas Girl Scouts to come together for a series of environmental-related activities. Girls will have the opportunity to earn a "Water WISE" patch, and work their way toward earning several badges.

There are a number of workshops and tours scheduled to take place locally. The Association for Beaver Lake Environment (ABLE) will be leading a Rain Barrel workshop, in which participants will be guided through constructing their own rain barrel. There will also be a public tour of the Paul R. Noland Wastewater Treatment Plant, which includes a restoration area and the Biosolids Management Site. Self-guided tours of the Beaver Water District Administration Center and Water Education Center, featuring large rain gardens and a drinking water plant model, will be available Monday through Friday. Other planned tours include guided visits to both the UpStream Art storm drains in Fayetteville and West Fork's beautiful rain gardens.

The Alliance is glad to be on the planning team for this great event, and we're looking forward to partnering with other businesses and community groups to promote water quality! Check back later to the website at www.waterwatchweek.org for an updated and detailed schedule of events. If you know of any events that should be incorporated into Water

April 20

Benton County Spring
Cleanup - Decatur, Garfield,
and Bentonville

April 22

Earth Day

April 27 - 28

Celebrate the Springs! -
Eureka Springs

April 28 - May 1

AWW&WEA Annual
Conference - Hot Springs

April 30

Earth Day at the Botanical
Gardens of the Ozarks -
Fayetteville

May 14 - 15

AWRC Annual Watershed
and Research Conference -
Fayetteville

June 1

War Eagle Appreciation Day -
Withrow Springs State Park

June 1 - 16

Water Watch Week - events
to be held all over the
Northwest Arkansas region

June 8

Girl Scout Water WISE Event
- Hobbs State Park -
Conservation Area - Rogers

June 11

4-State Watershed Academy
- Branson Convention Center,
Branson, MO

August 17

Secchi Day on Beaver Lake -
Prairie Creek, Rogers

Check out our [online calendar](#)

Watch Week, contact Angela Danovi at
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Last Call for Submissions to the Northwest Arkansas UpStream Art Project

The deadline to submit designs for the Northwest Arkansas Upstream Art Project is coming up this month, on March 19th. Through this project, 14 storm drains in Northwest Arkansas will be turned into public art as part of an effort to raise awareness to the quality of the region's waterways. The sites for the project's 2013 installation include Dickson Street in Fayetteville, the Northwest Medical Center in Springdale, the Tiger Blvd Trail in Bentonville, and the Frisco Stage in Rogers. Click [here](#) to see maps of the installation sites in each city. The application is available online and is open to anyone. In addition to receiving publicity for the project and the opportunity to have art on display in a public space, each chosen design will be awarded \$100, and multiple design submissions will be accepted from each artist. Displays of last year's designs will be featured at the gallery in Ozark Natural Foods in Fayetteville during the month of March. For more information, check out the website:

nwaupstreamart.wetpaint.com or contact Jane Maginot by email at jmaginot@uaex.edu or by phone at (479) 444-1755.

for more detailed information on upcoming events!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR K-12 SCHOOLS:

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is offering a grant award for up to \$5,000 for accredited K-12 schools in EPA Region 6 to encourage sustainability initiatives through student involvement. Click [here](#) for the application and more information. The deadline to apply is March 15.

Please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors so that they can have the opportunity to become active members in the Beaver Watershed community.

Registration is open for the Spring Rain Garden Academy

If you are interested in building a rain garden but aren't sure how to go about it, then you will want to attend the Rain Garden Academy hosted by Beaver Water District and the Illinois River Watershed Partnership! The Academy will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 12th, at the Beaver Water District Administration Building in Lowell. The cost is \$25 per person and \$15 for students. The class is open to 50 participants and pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) to pre-register or go to www.irwp.org

Meet the Board



Sean Harper

Mr. Sean Harper serves the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Beaver Lake's Operations Project Manager with general responsibility for the lake's recreation, hydropower, water supply, environmental stewardship, and flood risk management missions. Over the years he

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Watershed Moment



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