

Check out our upcoming events this spring, and volunteer with us. Find out how you, too, can make a difference in our region's water quality!

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

February 2014

Join us for our first ever

Middle Fork of the White River Cleanup

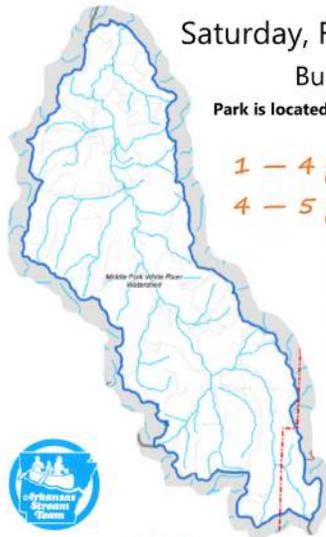
Saturday, February 22nd, 1 — 5 p.m.

Bunch Park Pavilion, Elkins

Park is located behind the old Harps at Hwy 16 and 1st Ave

1 — 4 p.m. Check-in & Cleanup

4 — 5 p.m. Dinner & Door Prizes



Cleanup will take place at various sites along the river — volunteers will be directed to sites at check-in



For more information, contact Courtney Thomas at 479-274-8903 or courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org

Streamside Landowners - don't miss out on upcoming workshop!

cause of clean water.

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Upcoming Events

February 15

UpStream Art Kick-off Reception - Fayetteville Underground, Fayetteville

February 19

Mt. Kessler Greenways Presentation - Shiloh Museum, Springdale

February 20

Speaker Series - Rogers/Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Rogers

February 22

Middle Fork of the White River Cleanup - Bunch Park, Elkins

March 1

West Fork Watershed Streamside Landowner Workshop - Frank Wenzel Community Center, West Fork

March 8

Stream Restoration Tree Planting - West Fork White River Airport Restoration site, Fayetteville



We are hosting a FREE workshop for streamside landowners in the West Fork Watershed next month. This workshop will cover a wide range of topics relevant to watershed residents and streamside landowners, such as stream processes, riparian buffer establishment, permitting and regulations for in-stream work, as well as resources that are available for agricultural producers. We will also be dispersing trees as part of our Free Tree Program, and conducting a hands-on lesson on the proper method of planting trees and shrubs along the stream. Participants will have the opportunity to plant trees with us along a tributary to the West Fork of the White River. Lunch will be provided for workshop participants that volunteer with us to plant trees following the workshop. The workshop will take place on Saturday, March 1st at the Frank Wenzel Community Center in West Fork. The workshop will take place from 9 am to 11:30 am, with lunch at 11:30 and tree planting from 12 pm to 2 pm. RSVP to Courtney at courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org or by calling 479-274-8903 by February 21st if you plan to attend. Program partners include the [Watershed Conservation Resource Center](#), [US Army Corps of Engineers](#), [Farm Service Agency](#), [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#), and [Washington County Conservation District](#).

Speaker Series: "Investing in NWA Water Source Protection – Good for Business, Agriculture, Recreation, Nature and You"

The Alliance will be kicking off a new speaker series in which concepts of investing in natural infrastructure and voluntary drinking water source protection measures will enhance and sustain the economic future and quality of life in the NWA region. The first of four programs will take

March 11

Blue Pathways Workshop -
Mermaids Restaurant,
Fayetteville

March 14

UpStream Art Application
Deadline

April - May

Watershed Photography
Contest

April 26

East Fork of the White River
Cleanup - Location TBA

April 26

Pack Rat Boating Demo Day
- Pack Rat Outdoor Center,
Fayetteville

April 26

Benton County Cleanup -
Locations TBA

May 17

West Fork of the White River
Cleanup - Riverside Park,
West Fork

June 7

War Eagle Appreciation Day -
Withrow Springs State Park,
Huntsville

August 16

Secchi Day on Beaver Lake -
Prairie Creek Marina, Rogers

Check out our [online calendar](#)
for more detailed information
on upcoming events!

BWA and [Pack Rat Outdoor Center](#) were awarded a grant last month from [Columbia Sportswear](#) and the [Grassroots Outdoor](#)

place beginning on February 20th from 11:30 to 1pm at the Rogers Lowell Chamber of Commerce with the time from 11:30-12:00 serving as a time to network and eat lunch. The featured speakers will be Tracey Mehan of the Cadmus Group and Peter Stangel of the United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities. The topic of discussion will highlight the importance of broad and diverse collaboration necessary to protect sources of drinking water, and also about the importance of using forests to help clean water naturally. Participants are encouraged to RSVP to John Pennington at 479-970-3550 or john@beaverwatershedalliance.org

Plant Trees with us Along the Stream!

Join us for a day of planting native trees and shrubs along the West Fork of the White River at the Watershed Conservation Resource Center's river restoration site near Drake Field Airport in Fayetteville. These trees will be planted to establish a riparian buffer zone along the stream. This buffer serves a very important purpose - to stabilize the streambank and prevent erosion in the stream. The West Fork of the White River is one of the major tributaries of Beaver Lake and is currently listed as impaired by the ADEQ for sedimentation. By planting trees and shrubs along the river, you are doing something that is highly beneficial for water quality in our region and working to keep our drinking water clean! Planting will take place on Saturday, March 8th from 9 am to 12 pm. We will meet at the E-Z Mart in south Fayetteville, located at 3408 South School Ave., and carpool to the restoration site from there. Please contact Courtney at courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org or by calling 479-274-8903 if you are interested in participating.

[Alliance](#) for \$5,000 to use for stream cleanups and trail maintenance projects this spring. We are excited about this partnership and are ready to hit the trails with community members soon! Be on the lookout for more information and ways to get involved in our projects - you can [like us on Facebook](#) or [follow us on Twitter](#) to get the latest news on upcoming opportunities.

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.

2014 UpStream Art Call for Artists



Rust Studios, Wishing Well, Bentonville



Jeff Oriano, Happy Fish, Fayetteville

- ✓ Have a public art piece on local city streets
- ✓ Participate in an educational program that helps the environment



Programs and events are open to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status

Deadline: March 14th

Contact: 
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www.nwaupstreamart.com



Leah Saffian, Ohio Salamander, Fayetteville

The Call for Artists for this year's UpStream Art project is officially open! This project is a great opportunity to create public art with a message of stewardship for our local waterways. Visit www.nwaupstreamart.com or contact Jane Maginot at jmaginot@uaex.edu for more information and to learn how you can be involved.



Lanny McConnell, of the Madison County Road Dept., and John Pennington, of the Beaver Watershed Alliance, put up signage encouraging folks to help keep War Eagle Creek clean. 10 signs have been placed in Madison County along War Eagle Creek and the Headwaters of the White River from St. Paul to Elkins.

Meet the Board



Frank Weaver

Judge Frank Weaver has served as the Madison County Judge since his election in 2010. He has been a resident of Madison County for 42 years, and owns a fourth-generation family farm in the eastern part of the county with his wife.

Judge Weaver was a small business owner before he became an elected official. As a board member, he supports the Beaver Watershed Alliance's efforts to educate citizens about the need for clean water and to promote voluntary projects to help keep our drinking water clean and safe.

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