



Governor Beebe proclaimed July as Lakes Appreciation Month - join BWA to enjoy and help take care of Beaver Lake, the drinking water source for Northwest Arkansas with a variety of activities taking place this month!

BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

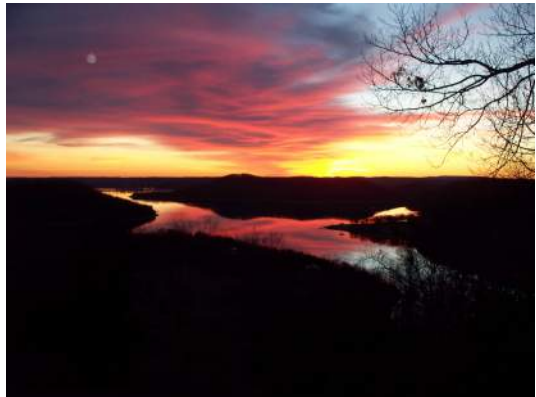


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Sunrise at Beaver Lake, photo by Phil Warner

About BWA

The Beaver Watershed Alliance was formed in 2010 to establish programming to maintain high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improve water quality in 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 goal of clean water.

July is Lakes Appreciation Month!

Governor Beebe answered the call of the Beaver Watershed Alliance and proclaimed July 2014 as *Lakes Appreciation Month* in Arkansas. With over a half-million acres of reservoirs in the Natural State, summer is a great time to encourage all Arkansans to participate in recreational activities, enjoy the benefits and scenic beauty, keep safety in mind, and appreciate all that our lakes provide – including drinking water for most of the state. The importance of protecting these lakes and reservoirs for future generations is critical to our quality of life, communities, and potential for future growth and

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Upcoming Events

July 8

West Fork Watershed
Community Meeting - Boston
Mountain Fire Associates,
Winslow

July 12

Lake Appreciation Cleanup -
Hobbs State Park-
Conservation Area, Rogers

July 13

Still on the Hill "Once a River"
Concert - Bland Chapel,
Rogers

July 15 - 16

Arkansas Water Resources
Center Annual Conference -
Fayetteville

July 17

Town Branch Cleanup -
Walker Park, Fayetteville

July 22

Highway 412 Cleanup -
Springdale

July 26

Still on the Hill "Once a River"
Concert - Hobbs State Park-
Conservation Area, Rogers

July 27

Still on the Hill "Once a River"
Concert - NEBCO Community
Building, Garfield

July 29 - 30

2014 AEEA Expo - UACCM,

economic development. As one of the largest lakes in Arkansas, and our drinking water source in Northwest Arkansas, Beaver Lake is certainly worthy of our appreciation and protection.

BWA and partners have arranged several lake appreciation events for the public, including "Once a River" Story Song concerts about Beaver Lake which will be performed several times by local folk duo Still on the Hill, environmental improvement opportunities, and learning more about how each person can play a positive role in watershed protection.

To learn more about Lakes Appreciation Month Activities, Beaver Lake and its water quality, or how to help protect your drinking water go to the Beaver Watershed Alliance website: www.beaverwatershedalliance.org

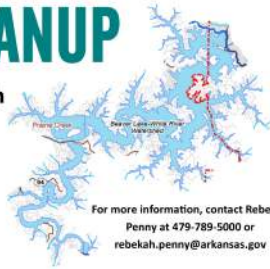
Lake Appreciation Month CLEANUP

Saturday, July 12th
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Check-in location:

Hobbs State Park
Visitor Center

20201 East Hwy 12, Rogers



For more information, contact Rebekah
Penny at 479-789-5000 or
rebekah.penny@arkansas.gov



Walk along the shoreline, or bring your own boat and enjoy a scenic paddle while removing trash from our drinking water source to show YOUR appreciation for Beaver Lake!

A free lunch and door-prize raffle will follow cleanup activities



BWA to host community meetings for owners and land managers of forested lands within the Beaver Lake

Morrilton

Watershed

August 9

Devils Eyebrow Shoreline
Cleanup - Rogers

August 16

Secchi Day on Beaver Lake -
Prairie Creek Marina, Rogers

August 21

Speaker Series - Rogers

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



Forested land makes up about 67% of the land cover in the Beaver Lake Watershed

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.

BWA will host a series of community meetings directed towards owners and land managers of the forested lands within the Beaver Lake Watershed during the month of July. The purpose of these meetings is to share information about the importance of healthy forests in the Beaver Lake Watershed, and to learn more about what landowners and land managers are interested in regarding forest management on their property. Ultimately, this information will be incorporated into the Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy (WPS), and there is currently no aspect of forest management in the WPS – so this is the landowner’s chance to shape BWA programming! Give us a call to RSVP for one of the meetings or to set up a free forest management consultation in your section of the forest. This program is being funded by a grant from the United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities.

Please RSVP or contact by calling 479-750-8007 or emailing us at info@beaverwatershedalliance.org

Forest Landowner Community Meetings:

July 13th, 3 - 4 pm, Hobbs State Park Visitor Center -
20201 Hwy 12, Rogers

July 15th, 6 - 7 pm, Durham Community Center - Hwy 16

& WC 42

July 21st, 6 - 7 pm, Carroll Electric - 5056 Hwy 412 B,
Huntsville

July 29th, 6 - 7 pm, West Fork Community Center - 222
Webber St., West Fork

July 30th, 6 - 7 pm, Goshen Community Center - 224 S
Clark St., Goshen

Keep Arkansas Beautiful Recognizes Beaver Lake Watershed Lodestars



Top left: Larry Karigan-Winter; Top right: John Pennington; Bottom: Brian
Pugh

Keep Arkansas Beautiful recently recognized 25 people throughout the state as "Lodestars" at their 25th

Greeniversary Celebration. The Beaver Lake Watershed is fortunate to have 3 of the 25 that were recognized operating in our watershed! Larry Karigan-Winter, founding member of the Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Facility, Brian Pugh, Keep Fayetteville Beautiful and waste reduction coordinator for Fayetteville Recycling and Trash Collection, and BWA's own Executive Director, John Pennington, were each recognized for their outstanding efforts to engage communities in efforts to keep Arkansas clean, green, and free of litter. These lodestars agree that there are more like 25 lodestars, at least, working in the Beaver Lake Watershed community, and they would like to thank them for keeping them motivated, organized, and supplied with what is needed to get the job done. We are very fortunate in our area to have several partners and volunteers that are also lodestars in their own right!

To read more about the three lodestars, as well as the greater 25 recognized from around the state, click [here](#).

BWA seeks feedback for West Fork Opportunity Assessment Program

BWA is currently conducting a series of community meetings to show maps of the initial results of the West Fork Opportunity Assessment project, engage landowners and watershed stakeholders, as well as receive input and feedback from the community about concerns and opportunities that have not yet been identified. Through these meetings so far, landowners, residents, and stakeholders have told us about stream erosion sites, illegal dump sites, and sites of interest for invasive species removal, as well as expressed interest in the status of the West Fork Wastewater Treatment plant plans, participating in volunteer water quality monitoring programs, and promoting Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development in urban and developing areas. Four meetings have taken place so far, but there is still an opportunity to express your concerns and provide feedback for our program. Check out the maps that have been created, connect with your neighbors and fellow community members, and enjoy a free meal this Tuesday, July 8th, at the Boston Mountain Fire Associates building

on Hwy 71 in Winslow! RSVP to Courtney at 750-8007 or courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org

For more information, click [here](#).

**Congratulations to the winners of this
year's Watershed Photography
Contest!**



First place, Sam Thomas



Second place, William Armacost



Third place, Jason Wiles

For more information about the Watershed Photography Contest, click [here](#).