

We are still going strong with volunteer opportunities this summer. If you haven't come out for one yet this year, now is your chance to help improve water quality!

# BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



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## June 2014



### 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 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.



Members of the University of Arkansas Southwest Chapter of the American Water Works Association student group came out to volunteer with us for the first time at the East Fork Cleanup. They enjoyed the event so much that they came back for the West Fork Cleanup, and brought more members with them!

Each year, BWA hosts a number of educational events and volunteer opportunities. So far in 2014, we have collaborated to host riparian tree plantings, trail maintenance events, rain garden plantings, and stream cleanups. Our volunteer hours exceed 1300, which means that volunteers have generated \$27,300 in community service value, just over the past 5 months! We have seen quite a few new, and returning, volunteers at

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **June 3**

Town Branch Cleanup -  
World Peace Wetland Prairie,  
Fayetteville

### **June 7**

War Eagle Appreciation Day -  
Withdraw Springs State Park,  
Huntsville

### **June 11**

A Celebration of Clean Water  
Conference - Branson Hilton  
Convention Center, Branson,  
MO

### **June 12**

White River Stewardship  
Float - Beaver Dam Site Park,  
Eureka Springs

### **June 17**

Project WET, WOW, and  
LakeSmart workshop -  
Beaver Water District, Lowell

### **June 18**

Still on the Hill "Once a River"  
Concert - Adult Wellness  
Center, Rogers

### **June 19**

War Eagle Watershed  
Symposium - Carroll Electric,  
Huntsville

our events and many of these folks return to volunteer several times with us throughout the year. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of these members of the community who take time out of their busy schedules - including weekends, weeknights, during finals and graduation season, etc. - to do something that makes a difference in our region's water quality. So THANK YOU to those that have made it out to volunteer with us in 2014! We know that there are many of you out there that haven't been able to make it to one of these events yet, but there are more opportunities for you to be involved in the coming months. Our Town Branch Cleanup is **tomorrow** - June 3rd - from 3-7 pm with meeting locations at Walker Park and the World Peace Wetland Prairie in Fayetteville. To show appreciation of the lake that is the lifeblood of our region, we will be hosting several cleanups in July, including a lake cleanup at Hobbs State Park, and a cleanup on Highway 412 in Springdale through the Adopt-a-Highway program. If you haven't volunteered with us yet, this summer is the time. We can't wait to work alongside you to improve the water quality of Northwest Arkansas and protect our region's drinking water supply!



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**Concerts tell stories of how Beaver  
Lake was "Once a River"**

**June 20**

Still on the Hill "Once a River"  
Concert - Ozark Folkways,  
Winslow

**June 21**

Rain Garden installation -  
Hobbs State Park-  
Conservation Area, Rogers

**June 28**

Still on the Hill "Once a River"  
Concert - Shiloh Museum,  
Springdale

**June 29**

Still on the Hill "Once a River"  
Concert - Eureka Unitarian  
Universalist Fellowship,  
Eureka Springs

**June 30 - July 2**

Project WET hisTOURy  
Traveling Workshop - Various  
in Northwest Arkansas

**July 12**

Lake Appreciation Month  
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 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



Kelly and Donna, of Still on the Hill, kick off the "Once a River" Concert Series to over 300 students at Huntsville Intermediate School

Many residents of Northwest Arkansas don't realize that Beaver Lake, which serves as the drinking water source for 420,000 people, was formerly the White River before Beaver Dam was built, creating the reservoir that we now know as Beaver Lake. Local folk duo, Still on the Hill, is out to change this gap in knowledge through music and story-telling. Their new album, "Once a River", is full of stories from the White River's history as well as Beaver Lake today. To spread awareness of the importance this body of water has for our region, Still on the Hill will perform 10 free concerts this summer in watershed communities and will give away 100 CDs, one per family, at each performance on a first come, first served basis.

The project is being made possible through a collaborative grant from the Arkansas Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, and the National Endowment for the Arts to four northwest Arkansas groups – the Association for Beaver Lake Environment (A.B.L.E.), Ozarks Water Watch, Beaver Water District, and Beaver Watershed Alliance, with special additional sponsorship through the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History.

Click [here](#) for more information and for a list of public performances.

**July 29 - 30**  
2014 AEEA Expo - UACCM,  
Morrliton

**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!

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**BWA is now on Instagram!**  
**Check out photos from our**  
**activities around the**  
**watershed by following**  
**@bwalliance**

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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.

## **A Stakeholder-Guided Collaborative Approach to Improve Water Quality in a Nutrient Surplus Watershed**

This cutting edge article, published in the Journal of Water Resource and Protection, contains findings from a recent study regarding water quality protection knowledge among different stakeholder groups in Arkansas, as well as opinions on who is responsible for paying for water quality improvements. This is another fantastic example of efforts conducted by researchers from the University of Arkansas in efforts to help improve and maintain environmental quality.

Click [here](#) for the abstract and full article.

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**JULY 15-16**  
Fayetteville, AR

AWRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**WATERSHEDS  
WICKED PROBLEMS**  
& Water Words



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Registration is open for the 2014 AWRC Annual Conference. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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## **Celebrate Clean Water during Water Watch Week**

Learn about water quality improvement efforts and how you can be involved at the Celebration of Clean Water Conference! This one-day event will highlight successes in Arkansas and Missouri, while drawing attention to the work that still needs to be done to improve area

watersheds. The event will take place at the Branson Hilton Convention Center and the \$10 registration fee covers lunch, speakers, and entertainment. For more information, visit [www.waterwatchweek.org](http://www.waterwatchweek.org)

## Project WET: hisTOURy workshop

An opportunity for formal and non-formal educators to discover and learn water's historical impact in northwest Arkansas on a touring workshop.

With water as our central theme, some of the highlights we will explore are:

- A tour of Beaver Lake Dam.
- A history of the drinking water sources of the area.
- Boat tour of the dam at Lake Ft. Smith.
- History of the geological features of the area and their relation to water.
- A cave tour.
- A look through the history along the White River.
- How water brought the canning industry to NWA. **AND MUCH MORE!**

For a complete itinerary and to register, contact:

**Barbara Miller**  
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You must register for the full three days.

**ADEQ**  
ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

Limited number of participants. Register today!

Registration must be received by 6/18.



Photo courtesy of Rogers Historical Museum.

The dam at Beaver Lake, which provides recreation and a source of drinking water for the area. The dam itself also included a hydroelectric power plant.

**Dates:**  
**Monday-Wednesday**  
**June 30- July 2, 2014**

**Times:**  
8:00 a.m. - approximately 6 p.m. Monday;  
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday

**Location:**  
Meet **each day** at Frank Tillery Elementary School  
211 S 7th St, Rogers, AR.

**Cost:**  
\$30, due with registration; includes museum fees, lunches, transportation.  
Transportation will be provided from the school to area sites and back to the school.  
Hotel/ Housing is not provided.

Approved for **17.5 PD** hours in Arkansas history at local school district's discretion.  
**No partial credit.**



## May Stewardship Moments - West Fork White River Cleanup



Over 130 volunteers came out for this year's West Fork of the White River Cleanup, including students from Greenland Schools, and members of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Canoe Club



Over 4,000 pounds of trash were removed from the West Fork of the White River and its tributaries, including 80 tires, a television, and a sofa.



Volunteers enjoyed an appreciation lunch at Riverside Park in West Fork while the City of Fayetteville and Jane Maginot from the Washington County Cooperative Extension accepted awards as Watershed Guardians for their stewardship efforts

This year's West Fork of the White River Cleanup was a great success! Many thanks to our sponsors and partners, including Beaver Water District, Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, Watershed Conservation Resource Center, Ozarks Water Watch, U of A Cooperative Extension Service, Washington County Environmental Affairs, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team, West Fork Watershed Alliance, Tyson, Ozark Natural Foods, Washington County Sheriff's Department, Coca-Cola, Columbia Sportswear, Grassroots Outdoor Alliance, Stout Stuff, Harps, and the City of West Fork.

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