



We want to see how you appreciate the Beaver Lake Watershed through photography! Find out more about this year's Watershed Photography Contest and upcoming watershed education and stewardship events, as well as an announcement for financial assistance through NRCS for forest landowners, in this month's newsletter.



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May 2015

"Beaver Lake Watershed Appreciation through the Seasons" Photography Contest Opens



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.

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Upcoming Events

May 2

Rain Garden Academy - Hobbs State Park, Rogers

May 2

Forest Management Landowner-to-Landowner - Durham Community Building

May 9

Art Talks: Art and Environmental Stewardship - Fayetteville Underground

May 16

West Fork Cleanup - Walker Park, Fayetteville

May 21

Speaker Series - Washington County Cooperative Extension, Fayetteville

May 30

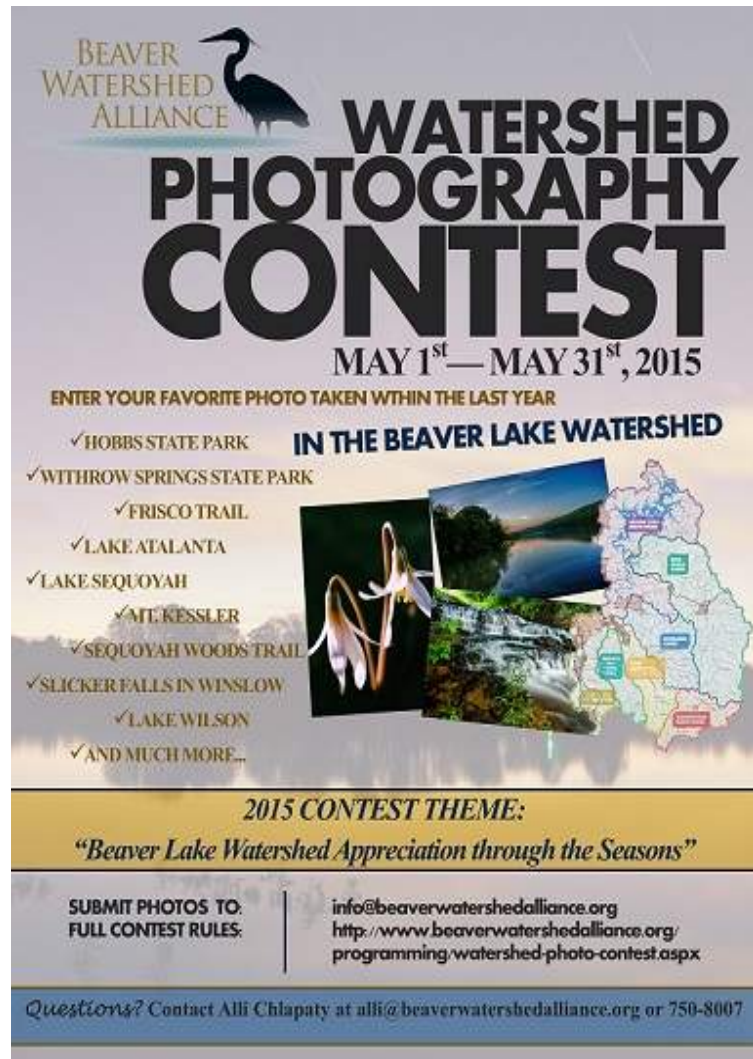
War Eagle Appreciation Day - Withrow Springs State Park, Huntsville

May 31

Forest Management Workshop - Hobbs State Park, Rogers

May 31

Photography Contest Submission Deadline



The poster features the Beaver Watershed Alliance logo at the top left, which includes a silhouette of a beaver. The main title "WATERSHED PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST" is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, the dates "MAY 1ST—MAY 31ST, 2015" are displayed. The text "ENTER YOUR FAVORITE PHOTO TAKEN WITHIN THE LAST YEAR" is followed by "IN THE BEAVER LAKE WATERSHED". A list of locations with checkmarks includes Hobbs State Park, Withrow Springs State Park, Frisco Trail, Lake Atalanta, Lake Sequoyah, Mt. Kessler, Sequoyah Woods Trail, Slicker Falls in Winslow, Lake Wilson, and "AND MUCH MORE...". A central collage of nature photos shows a white egret, a blue lake, and a waterfall. To the right is a map of the watershed with various colored regions. At the bottom, a yellow banner states the 2015 contest theme: "Beaver Lake Watershed Appreciation through the Seasons". Below that, contact information for submitting photos and full contest rules is provided, including an email address and a website URL. A final line of text at the bottom asks for questions to be directed to Alli Chlapaty.

BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

WATERSHED PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

MAY 1ST—MAY 31ST, 2015

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IN THE BEAVER LAKE WATERSHED

- ✓ HOBBS STATE PARK
- ✓ WITHROW SPRINGS STATE PARK
- ✓ FRISCO TRAIL
- ✓ LAKE ATALANTA
- ✓ LAKE SEQUOYAH
- ✓ MT. KESSLER
- ✓ SEQUOYAH WOODS TRAIL
- ✓ SLICKER FALLS IN WINSLOW
- ✓ LAKE WILSON
- ✓ AND MUCH MORE...

2015 CONTEST THEME:
"Beaver Lake Watershed Appreciation through the Seasons"

**SUBMIT PHOTOS TO:
FULL CONTEST RULES:**

info@beaverwatershedalliance.org
<http://www.beaverwatershedalliance.org/programming/watershed-photo-contest.aspx>

Questions? Contact Alli Chlapaty at alli@beaverwatershedalliance.org or 750-8007

Spring is here and that means it is time again for the Annual Beaver Lake Watershed Photography Contest! Participants can submit a photo throughout the month of May for the chance to win one of three great prizes from Bedford Camera & Video, Arkansas Missouri Railroad, and Cavecloth. This year's contest theme is "Beaver Lake Watershed Appreciation through the Seasons" and photos taken between May 31st, 2014 and May 31st, 2015 will be considered for the contest. Photos are to be submitted electronically to info@beaverwatershedalliance.org by May 31st. Call BWA at (479) 750-8007 or email us at info@beaverwatershedalliance.org for more information!

June 2

Connecting Families and Nature Conference - Branson, MO

June 8

Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan Workshop - NEBCO Community Center, Garfield

June 9

Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan Workshop - The Jones Center, Springdale

June 10

Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan Workshop - Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park

June 11

Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan Workshop - Gentry Public Library

July 11

Lakes Appreciation Cleanup - Hobbs State Park, Rogers

July 21

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - Hwy 412, Sonora

August 15

Secchi Day on Beaver Lake - Prairie Creek Park, Rogers

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

Please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors so that they can have the opportunity to

Join us for the 10th Annual West Fork of the white river Cleanup!



Saturday, May 16th
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Walker Park, Fayetteville

9 a.m. — 12 p.m. Check-in & Cleanup
12 p.m. — 1 p.m. Lunch & Door Prizes

Check-in is available at:

Walker Park, 10 W. 15th St.—Fayetteville

Slicker Park, South Hwy 71—Winslow

Riverside Park, Arkansas 170—West Fork

For more information, call 479-750-8007 or email alli@beaverwatershedalliance.org

BWA Speaker Series - "Act 335 - Nutrient Water Quality Trading Programs in Arkansas"

Join us for an informative presentation on Nutrient Water Quality Trading Programs in Arkansas given by Allan Gates, of the Mitchell-Williams Law Firm as part of the ongoing Speaker Series, "Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA: It's good for business, agriculture, recreation, nature, and you!"

The presentation will take place Thursday, May 21st, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Washington County Cooperative Extension office located at 2536 N. McConnell Ave. Lunch will be provided and RSVPs are requested to (479) 750-8007 or info@beaverwatershedalliance.org

become active members in the Beaver Watershed community.

Saturday, May 30, 2015
War Eagle

Float Trip
Still on the Hill

APPRECIATION DAY
Withrow Springs State Park-Keith Ham Pavilion
33426 AR-23 Spur, Huntsville, AR 72740 (5 miles north of Huntsville on Hwy. 23)

9-11 a.m. Launch Canoes & Kayaks & Participate in Cleanup
Pre-registration required. Call Withrow Springs State Park at (479) 559-2593.
Shuttle service & limited number of canoes/kayaks available. First come, first served.
Shuttle service, pre-arranged, also available to those with their own canoes/kayaks.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Education Activities, Nature Walks & Lunch
Not interested in floating? No worries. Join us for hands-on activities for the entire family. Great for all ages.

1-2 p.m. Once A River Concert by Still on the Hill
Ozark Instrument Show and Tell/Q&A following concert

Still on the Hill – the musical duo of Kelly and Donna Mulholland – will perform **Once A River: Story Songs of the Beaver Lake Watershed**. They are well-known for musical talent recognized not only in NW Arkansas but also throughout the United States.

Music Sponsor: William Rufus Stephens, Jr. Memorial Fund

War Eagle Appreciation Day is made possible by these event partners: Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, Arvest Bank, Beaver Watershed Alliance, Arkansas State Parks (Withrow Springs & Hobbs), Arkansas Master Naturalists, Lewis & Clark, War Eagle Mill, Arkansas Canoe Club, Madison County Solid Waste & Recycling, Madison County Record, Kiwanis Club, Madison Coffee House, Wal Mart, Ma & Pa's Bent & Bent, UA Division of Agriculture, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Coca-Cola, Beaver Water District, Huntsville Fire Department, Girls Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma & Texas, Ozark Mountain Trading Company, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Ozark Water Watch.

Don't forget your lawn chairs! www.arkansasstateparks.com/withrowsprings
For information, call (479) 559-2593.

NRCS announces application deadline for financial assistance to restore and improve forest health in 29 western Arkansas counties

Forest landowners in 29 counties in western Arkansas have until May 15, 2015, to apply for financial assistance for the voluntary installation of forest land conservation practices to help restore, maintain and enhance more open woodland.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and United States Forest Service (FS) announced a multi-year partnership in 2014 to improve the health and resiliency of forest ecosystems across the nation.

The Western Arkansas Woodland Restoration project aims to double the conservation activity on private lands and on the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests.

“Both of these agencies have the same goal – improving the

health of our forest lands,” Mike Sullivan, NRCS state conservationist said. “The project has two components that will restore and improve forest land. The NRCS portion will provide voluntary, incentive-based assistance to private landowners, while the Forest Service portion will focus on Forest Service lands.”

Key conservation practices include forest stand improvement (thinning), prescribed burning, firebreaks, tree and shrub planting and forage and biomass planting. All trees, shrubs and grass planted through the program must be native.

“As with all NRCS programs, participation is completely voluntary,” Sullivan said. “This project incorporates the same practices at an accelerated pace that landowners have been voluntarily implementing for years.”

Additional information about the project, an area map and conservation practices, are available at [here](#). To apply, visit your local NRCS office. To locate the local field office, visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/main/national/contact/local>.

April Stewardship Moments



Thanks to the 50 volunteers that came out for this year's East Fork of the White River Cleanup! The river is in an even better condition this year, and volunteer efforts are truly making a difference. Thanks to event sponsors Pack Rat Outdoor Center, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team, Boston Mountain Solid Waste District, City of Elkins, Coca-Cola, Cargill Cares, the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, Arkansas Environmental Education Association, Beaver Water District, Casey's General Store, Ozark Highlands Trail Association, and Washington County Environmental Affairs

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