



Beaver Watershed Alliance August e-News

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Name a Stream Contest Deadline Aug. 5th!

The Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) and the Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC) are holding a contest to name a stream in Kessler Mountain Regional Park as part of an EPA and Arkansas Natural Resources Commission grant. The currently unnamed stream is a tributary to Cato Springs Branch that flows into Town Branch and the West Fork-White River on a course to Beaver Lake, the drinking water source for Northwest Arkansas. The stream is currently undergoing restoration by WCRC to stabilize stream banks and reduce the amount of sediment and phosphorus entering the lake annually.

Take advantage of this rare opportunity to bring awareness to something you are passionate about! The winning name will be presented to the City Council of Fayetteville for approval and will be displayed on maps and at Kessler Mountain Regional Park. **The Name a Stream Contest submissions are due August 5th.** Contact info@beaverwatershedalliance.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

**August 3
Rain Garden
Stewardship Event**
Madison County Solid Waste
& Recycling Satellite Facility
Pettigrew, AR
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**August 5
Name a Stream
Contest Deadline**
Winning name will be
displayed at Kessler Mtn
Regional Park!
info@beaverwatershedalliance.org

**August 10
Rain Garden
Stewardship Event**
Hickory Creek
Bethel Heights, AR
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**August 10
White River
Stewardship Float
Trip**
Eureka Springs, AR
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**August 13
Town Branch Cleanup**
Walker Park
Fayetteville, AR
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**August 17
Mullins Creek
Cleanup**

Name a Stream Contest!

Deadline—August 5th

YOU can name a stream at Kessler Mountain Park

Submit a short essay that highlights the significance of your proposed name to the Mt. Kessler Area

The winning name will be displayed on maps at Kessler Mountain Regional Park.

Submit your suggestion to info@beaverwatershedalliance.org or call (479) 750-8007 for more information.



Secchi Day is August 20th!

The 11th Annual Secchi Day will be at Prairie Creek Park in Rogers on August 20th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event combines science, education, and fun! Volunteers will collect water quality data and there will be many educational activities for the public to enjoy including games, mobile aquarium, scavenger hunt, free lunch and ice cream, kayak test rides, microscope activities, a photo contest and more.

Volunteers with boats are needed to record water quality data. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sabrina Bowman at sbowman@bwdh2o.org. If you prefer to volunteer on dry land, please contact Sarah Hallett at sarah@beaverwatershedalliance.org or (479) 750-8007.

University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

August 20

Secchi Day

Prairie Creek Park
Rogers, AR
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

August 25

Walker Park

Stewardship Event

Walker Park
Fayetteville, AR
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

September 10

Lee Creek Cleanup

Devil's Den State Park
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

September 16

Forest & Water Forum

Save the Date!
Fayetteville, AR

September 24

Beaver Lake Cleanup

Prairie Creek Public Use
Area
Rogers, AR
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

September 29

Beaver Lake

Watershed

Symposium

Lowell, AR
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

October 15

Lower White River

Cleanup

Bryce's White River Marine
Springdale, AR
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

October 27

Speaker Series

Save the Date!
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Events
Calendar**

11th Annual Secchi Day on Beaver Lake

August 20, 2016



Schedule of Events:
8:30am - 11:00am
 Various Beaver Lake Locations
 Volunteer teams depart to
 measure Secchi depth
 and collect water
 samples.

9:00am - 1:00pm
 Prairie Creek Park, East & West Shelters
 9300 N. Park Rd., Rogers, AR
 The public is invited to
 enjoy educational
 activities and
 exhibits!

The Arkansas Game and
 Fish Commission's
 320-gallon Mobile
 Aquarium will
 be on display!

Family Activities
Photo Contest
Kayak Test Drives
Lunch

Any Wilson

For Information:
awilson@bwdh20.org
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Sponsors:

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Partners:



Save the Date for our Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium on September 29th

**BEAVER LAKE
 WATERSHED
 SYMPOSIUM**



Save The Date

SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

LOWELL, ARKANSAS

314 N Goad Springs Rd • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

“Source Water Stewardship”

For more information, contact Beaver Watershed Alliance at
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Beaver Water District Dedicates 4 cents per 1000 gallons Sold to Source Water Protection

On April 21, Beaver Water District's Board of Directors approved a motion to dedicate \$0.04 per 1000 gallons sold to the Source Water Protection (SWP) Fund. The funds will be used to implement the [Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy \(BLWPS\)](#) through support to the Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) and continued efforts by Beaver Water District (BWD). All expenditures of funds will be included in BWD's annual budget approved by the Board each August.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Watershed Guardian Award Presented to Beaver Water District

The Watershed Guardian Award recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations in the Beaver Lake Watershed community who have demonstrated Best Management Practices for water quality. These awardees have gone above and beyond to work towards good water quality for our region and have served as an inspiration to those around them to follow their example.

This award was presented to Beaver Water District (BWD) at the Speaker Series on July 28th for their long history of voluntary protection of Beaver Lake, Northwest Arkansas' source of drinking water. BWD has been a leader in source water protection, establishing a "Philosophy of Source Water Protection" and using a multi-barrier approach to protect regional drinking water quality. BWD funds vigorous water quality monitoring, education and outreach programs, stream restoration, and best management practice establishment initiatives. They have also coordinated the annual Secchi Day for over a decade, drawing public participation in water quality monitoring and engaging the public in fun, educational activities. Finally, they have established a source water protection fund to help implement the Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy.

We are grateful to have a water utility in Northwest Arkansas who recognizes the importance of providing high quality, low cost drinking water through protecting the natural infrastructure.



Water Quality Protection in Our Daily Lives

You can do simple things in your everyday life to help protect water quality.

Invasive plants are an insidious problem. They may look nice and green, but they hide a dark agenda. They have a tendency to take over native habitats and create a mono-culture, void of diversity. This can be detrimental to wildlife habitat and water quality. Native plants are better adapted to the climate and their roots are much deeper, enabling them to provide soil stabilization to prevent erosion and they help filter nutrients from stormwater runoff.

While invasive plants can be a challenge to remove and keep at bay, every effort to battle them helps! Removing plants by hand is usually the best option, but a little herbicide may be required for larger specimens. Just make sure to read the label and use the correct amount.

You can join the effort at home or by coming to one of our stewardship events!

[Read the article in the Northwest Article Democrat Gazette.](#)

[Click here for more information on common invasives and how to remove them.](#)

Water for Life!

The value of your interest and involvement in the voluntary watershed protection effort of our regional water supply is priceless and appreciated! Read, like, and share this newsletter to show off YOUR contributions and to encourage your friends and family to get involved!



July, also known as Lakes Appreciation Month around here, drew a big crowd to have fun and participate in stewardship events designed to bring awareness to all the benefits provided by lakes and the issues that threaten them. We reached over 160 people and removed over 2,000 pounds of trash from our waterways. We hope you had a chance to join in on one of our many events this month, and if you didn't, there will be more opportunities to come throughout the year! Your stewardship actions are what will ultimately protect and enhance the water quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed. Thank you for all of your efforts!

About Beaver Watershed Alliance

BWA was formed in 2011 to proactively protect, maintain, and enhance the water quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed through outreach and education, voluntary best management practice implementation, and scientific investigation. BWA 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.

Your financial contribution will help BWA fulfill our mission to proactively protect, maintain, and enhance the water quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed through outreach and education, voluntary best management practice implementation, and scientific investigation.

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