



Beaver Watershed Alliance July e-News

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July is Lakes Appreciation Month!

Governor Asa Hutchinson has proclaimed July as Lakes Appreciation Month in Arkansas. Lakes Appreciation Month is a signature program of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) whose mission is to foster the management and protection of lakes and reservoirs for today and tomorrow.

With over a half-million acres of reservoirs in Arkansas, summer is a great time to encourage all Arkansans to appreciate the lakes of our Natural State by participating in recreational activities such as swimming and boating, taking care of lakes, and enjoying the scenic beauty and benefits provided by them – including drinking water for much of the state.

In addition to Lakes Appreciation Month being a time to appreciate lakes, it is a time to think about where we would be without their water, and the threats facing lakes and reservoirs. These threats include population growth, development, and invasive plant and animal species that put stress on waterbodies. The importance of protecting these lakes and reservoirs for future generations is critical to our quality of life, communities, wildlife, and potential for future growth and economic development.

As part of Lakes Appreciation Month, the Beaver Watershed Alliance invites you to participate in our FREE recreational and stewardship activities during July.

[Watch this 30-second video for more!](#)

Upcoming Events

July 1 - Aug 5 Name a Stream Contest

Winning name will be displayed at Kessler Mtn Regional Park!
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July 6 Rain Garden Stewardship Event

Huntsville High School
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

July 9 Lakes Appreciation Month Cleanup

Hobbs State Park Visitor Center
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

July 11 Lakes Appreciation Month Secchi Dip-in

Various Lakes

July 12 LandWise Conservation Workshop

Chancellor Hotel
Fayetteville, AR
10:00 am - 4:30 pm

July 14 Lakes Appreciation Month Kayak Tour

Hobbs State Park Visitor Center



Enjoy our Water, Protect our Water
Participate in Lakes Appreciation Month
Activities This July



Lakes Appreciation Month Schedule:

Lakes Appreciation Month Cleanup
Saturday, July 9th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hobbs State Park Visitor Center

Kayak Tour
Thursday, July 14th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Hobbs State Park Visitor Center

White River Family Float Trip
Friday, July 15th, 9:00 am
Riverview Resort, Eureka Springs

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup of Highway 412
Wednesday, July 20, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Valero Gas Station, Springdale

Devil's Eyebrow Float, Cleanup, & Urban Forestry Forum
Saturday, July 23, 9:30 am
Short Stop Gas Station, Garfield

Snorkeling Boat Tour
Thursday, July 28
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Rocky Branch Marina, Rogers



Lakes Appreciation Month Cleanup Set for July 9th

Show your appreciation for Beaver Lake by helping to keep it clean! This year's Lakes Appreciation Month Cleanup is set for Saturday, July 9th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Walk along the shoreline, or bring a boat and enjoy a scenic paddle while removing trash from our drinking water source. A limited number of kayaks and stand up paddle boards will be available for participants, free of cost, but must be reserved in advance. Volunteers will check-in at Hobbs State Park Visitor Center to receive supplies and cleanup site information, then return to the Visitor Center at noon for lunch and door prizes. Contact Bethany Alender at bethany@beaverwatershedalliance.org or (479) 750-8007 for more information and to reserve a boat!

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

July 15
White River Family Float Trip

Eureka Springs, AR
9:00 am

July 19
LandWise Conservation Workshop

Arvest Conference Center
Bentonville, AR
10:00 am - 4:30 pm

July 20
Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup of Highway 412

Springdale, AR
9:00 am - 11:00 am

July 23
Devil's Eyebrow Float, Cleanup, & Urban Forestry Forum

Garfield, AR
9:30 am

July 26-27
Arkansas Water Resources Center Annual Water Conference

Fayetteville, AR

July 28
Speaker Series

Beaver Water District
Treatment Plant
Lowell, AR
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

July 28
Lakes Appreciation Month Snorkeling Boat Tour

Hobbs State Park Visitor Center
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

July 29
Invasive Plant Removal

Kessler Mountain Regional Park
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

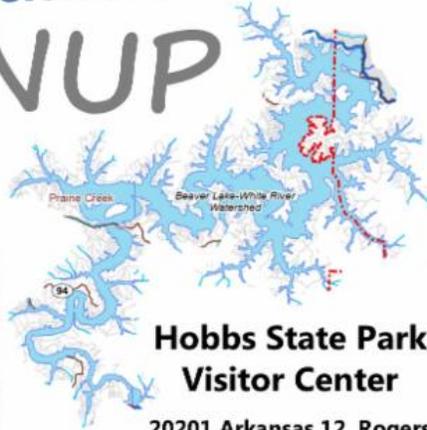
August 3
Rain Garden Stewardship Event

Madison County Solid Waste & Recycling Sattelite Facility
Pettigrew, AR
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

August 10
Rain Garden Stewardship Event

Lake Appreciation Month CLEANUP

Saturday, July 9th
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.



**Hobbs State Park
Visitor Center**
20201 Arkansas 12, Rogers

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For more information, or to request a boat, contact Bethany Alender at (479) 750-8007



Hickory Creek
Bethel Heights, AR
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Aug 17
**Mullins Creek
Cleanup**
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 26
**White River Family
Float Trip**
Eureka Springs, AR
9:00 am



Tyson Grant Awarded to Protect Regional Water Quality

The Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) was recently awarded a \$20,000 Community Development Grant made possible by the Charitable Giving Program of Tyson Foods, Inc. to assist landowners in establishment of practices on their property to protect Beaver Lake, the regional water supply for Northwest Arkansas. This money will be spent in conjunction with the West Fork-White River Watershed Restoration Initiative, an 8.7-million-dollar project, to help restore the West Fork of the White River where one-third of aquatic life on record since 1894 has disappeared. The check was presented during a kick-off meeting for the West Fork-White River Watershed Restoration Initiative with 50 landowners in attendance on June 13th.

Streambank erosion is the number one source of sediment and phosphorus loading to Beaver Lake and currently accounts for approximately 160,000 tons of sediment and 160,000 pounds of phosphorus delivered to Beaver Lake annually. While the cost to address streambank erosion is most often unaffordable to landowners, there is not a more cost effective way to reduce phosphorus loading to Beaver Lake at this time. The funds will be leveraged with those of multiple landowners, agencies, and organizations working together in order to make addressing erosion possible for landowners who are in need of financial assistance and are located in the Lakeside and West Fork White River sub-watersheds of Beaver Lake.



Speaker Series on July 28th to Showcase Source Water Protection

The visionary leadership of Beaver Water District is working to safeguard our regional water supply with their source water protection to date. Recently Beaver Water District has reinvigorated their Source Water Protection Plan and the funding of it to maintain and increase the quality of the lake and to help fund actions described in the Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy. We are fortunate that we have high quality water in Beaver Lake and that the water utility does so much to protect it.

Come learn all about what Beaver Water District does and how they are leading the way for sustainable source water protection funding.

Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA:

It's good for business, agriculture, recreation, nature, and you!

A Speaker Series



RSVP Today!
(479) 750-8007

Date: July 28th, 2016

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm
Lunch included

Location: Beaver Water District
301 N Primrose Rd
Lowell, AR 72745

Speaker: Dr. Robert Morgan
Manager of Environmental Quality
Beaver Water District

Program: *Source Water Protection at
Beaver Water District: What
We Do and Why We Do It*

Please RSVP by calling the Beaver Watershed Alliance at (479) 750-8007 or by emailing info@beaverwatershedalliance.org

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Name a Stream Contest Kicks off Today!

Beaver Watershed Alliance and Watershed Conservation Resource Center invite you to submit a name for a currently unnamed tributary to Cato Springs Branch in Kessler Mountain Regional Park. The name should be of significance and relevance to the area as well as reflective of associated culture, history, and natural heritage. The winning name will be presented to the City Council of Fayetteville for approval and displayed on maps at Kessler Mountain Regional Park. The Name a Stream Contest will take place July 1st through August 5th. Contact Bethany Alender at bethany@beaverwatershedalliance.org or (479) 750-8007 for more information.

NWA Landtrust Hosts LandWise Conservation Workshops

Achieving Conservation Win-Win Outcomes in our Growing Region

The Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, a local conservation nonprofit based in Fayetteville, is offering two "LandWise Win-Win Workshops" for elected officials, planners, developers, engineers, realtors, municipal leaders, architects and landscape designers. Workshops will feature examples of local plans and projects that highlight the mutual benefits conservation-minded development can have for the economy, the community and the

environment. The workshops will take place July 12th in Fayetteville and July 19th in Bentonville.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Water Quality Protection in Our Daily Lives

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

With summer upon us, there will be many picnics, cook-outs, bar-b-ques, floats, and fishing trips to enjoy. We encourage you to do your part and to encourage others in keeping Arkansas the Natural State by reducing our trash footprint!

One of the easiest ways to reduce litter is go reusable. Use a reusable water bottle instead of buying bottled water. For cook-outs try using reusable plates that can be washed instead of thrown away. When shopping for your event, bring reusable bags or boxes to the store instead of using plastic bags. Finally, don't forget to pack out what you pack in and also pick up trash you find along the way. Parks, lakes, and rivers are wonderful places for recreation, but they are also homes for plants and wildlife, so let's keep the trash in the bins and not in the water or on the ground.

In addition, you and your friends, families, and co-workers can join us during our stewardship events.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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!



It's people like you that make all of our stewardship events meaningful! During June, our amazing volunteers removed over 3,000 pounds of trash, cleared 21,780 square feet of invasive plants in partnership with WCRC and City of Fayetteville, and maintained 2 rain gardens in the watershed. Our stewardship and cleanup activities involved 125 people, and 91 people participated in our educational programs. We are so grateful to work with such an involved and engaged community who cares about the health of our watershed. Together we can continue to improve the water quality of Beaver Lake and the quality of life we have in Northwest Arkansas.

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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