



Beaver Watershed Alliance June e-News

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Rain Garden Workshop set for June 18th, Grants Available

Our Rain Garden program continues with a workshop on June 18th, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Library Hall in West Fork, AR. The workshop will provide the latest information on rain garden functions, design considerations, native plants, and cost-effective methods for installation. Mini-grants are available to install rain gardens on private and public property within the Beaver Lake Watershed. Applications are being accepted now and will be reviewed as they are received until June 25th.

[Click here for more information](#)
[Download Grant Application](#)

Upcoming Events

June 4

War Eagle Appreciation Day
Withrow Springs State Park
Huntsville, AR
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

June 9

Invasive Plant Removal
Fayetteville, AR

June 13

West Fork-White River Watershed Restoration Initiative Intro Program
Library Hall, West Fork, AR
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

June 18

Rain Garden Workshop
Library Hall, West Fork, AR
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

June 20

Urban Forestry Round Table
Fayetteville, AR
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

June 21 - 23

Arkansas Environmental Education Association Expo
Ozark Natural Science Center



rain garden project

Rain Garden Workshop

Saturday, June 18th • 9 am to 12 pm

Registration begins at 8:45

Library Hall

210 Garfield Ave, West Fork, AR 72774

Learn How to Build a Rain Garden!

Rain gardens capture and filter rain water.

ATTENDEES RECEIVE:

- General information on rain gardens
- DIY tips for creating cost-effective rain gardens
- Opportunity to apply for rain garden mini-grants
- Refreshments



RSVP required for this FREE workshop! Call us at 479-750-8007 or email Bethany@beaverwatershedalliance.org to register.



NWA Urban Forestry Round Table set for June 20th

Our recent Urban Forestry program, "Tools for Enhancing the Green Into Your Community," provided by Patti Erwin, State Urban Forestry Coordinator, engaged a wide range of interest in the multiple watersheds of our region. Many individuals are motivated to improve, retain, and connect their open spaces through urban forestry. This enthusiasm has led us to hold the NWA Urban Forestry Round Table on June 20th from 12:30 - 3:00 pm at the Washington County Cooperative Extension Service Office located at 2536 N McConnell Ave in Fayetteville, AR.

The program will include lunch, a drawing to determine the winner of the Urban Forestry Mini Grant submissions, and continued rich conversation about how we can best manage our region's urban forests for the multiple benefits they provide, particularly enhanced water quality and water supply protection. This program will be especially valuable to municipalities that don't currently have an organized urban forestry program, urban forester, open space plan, or Tree City USA Status.

This meeting is a place where municipal government and staff can share some perspective, tips, and processes that have been successful in the region in the hope that we can all make the best decisions in the short, medium, long term in absence of an urban forester, community planning, open space funding, or parks department.

Huntsville, AR

June 24

Rain Garden Maintenance

Walker Park

Fayetteville, AR

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

June 30

Rain Garden Maintenance

Fayetteville, AR

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

July 9

Lakes Appreciation Month Cleanup

Hobbs State Park Visitor Center

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

July 14

Lakes Appreciation Month Kayak Tour

Hobbs State Park Visitor Center

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

July 15

White River Family Float Trip

Eureka Springs, AR

July 20

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup of Highway 412

Springdale, AR

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

July 23

Devil's Eyebrow Float & Cleanup

Garfield, AR

9:30 am

July 26-27

Arkansas Water Resources Center Annual Water Conference

Fayetteville, AR

July 28

Lakes Appreciation Month Snorkeling Boat Tour

Hobbs State Park Visitor Center

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Events
Calendar



War Eagle Appreciation Day is This Saturday!

Saturday, June 4, 2016 War Eagle



Float Trip and Litter Cleanup!



Live, Local Celtic Music!

APPRECIATION DAY

Withrow Springs State Park – Keith Ham Pavilion

33424 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. Please meet at the Keith Ham Pavilion by 8:30 am to begin shuttling.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Educational Activities and Nature Walks

Not interested in floating? No worries! Join us for hands-on activities for the entire family. Enjoy exhibits hosted by local organizations and businesses. Great for all ages!

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch and Live Music

Join us for free lunch and some live music by local musicians from Goshen to Yellville. These musicians will be playing a variety of Celtic music that was common during the settlement of the Ozarks region by Scots-Irish immigrants.

Music Sponsor: William Rufus Stephens, Jr. Memorial Fund

War Eagle Appreciation Day is made possible by these event partners: Arkansas State Parks (Withrow Springs and Hobbs), Beaver Water District, Beaver Watershed Alliance, Ozarks Water Watch, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Arvest Bank, UA Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Dept., UA Division of Agriculture, Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists, Madison County Master Gardeners, UA Biological Sciences Dept., War Eagle Mill, Ozark Mountain Trading Company, Pack Rat Outdoor Center, and Lewis & Clark Outfitters.

For more information, call 479-559-2593.
www.arkansasstateparks.com/withrowsprings

Outdoor Watershed Education and Recreation

In Arkansas, the BWA Outdoor Watershed Education and Recreation (OWER) program is the first of its kind to tie watershed protection to outdoor recreation. To date, the OWER program has attracted over 2,000 people to environmental enhancement events, such as stream and trail cleanups, paddling trips, stream restoration, and habitat improvement. These efforts

have resulted in the removal of 40,000 pounds of trash from trails and waterways, new stewards, and 2 miles of riparian buffers with native plants that support a wide variety of wildlife, including pollinators. Many of the participants in our OWER program simply do not have opportunities to engage in outdoor activities such as paddling and hiking, and these activities open the door to NWA's bounty of easily accessible outdoor recreation areas. In carrying out this program, we have discovered the positive impact these recreational and stewardship outings have on the participants. When participants are immersed in nature, this fosters a desire to return with family or friends, and we create stewards. This year we have [Patagonia](#), [Pack Rat Outdoor Center](#), and [Cargill](#) to thank for supporting this program.



Beaver Lake Watershed Photo Contest Winners Announced!

Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry to our 4th Annual Beaver Lake Watershed Photo Contest! We had some really great submissions and it was a tough decision for the judges. Thanks to our sponsors for making this contest possible: [Bedford Camera & Video](#), [Arkansas & Missouri Railroad](#), and [Columbus House Brewery](#). Special thanks to our volunteer judges from [Terry Boyd Photography](#) and [Brandon Otto Photography](#).



First Place: Jeffery Hammill with "Summer Rain II"



Second Place: Steven Parker with "Foggy January Sunrise"



Third Place: Anu Wright with "Respect Water Preserve Life"

Arkansas Environmental Education Association Expo

Every two years, Arkansas Environmental Education Association (AEEA) hosts the AEEA EXPO, a three day event consisting of hands-on workshops, field trips, presentations, exhibitors, and networking opportunities for formal and non-formal educators, students, and conservation professionals from across the state. This year's event titled "Beyond the Classroom: Environmental Education from the Ozarks to the Delta" will take place June 21st to 23rd at the Ozark Natural Science Center and Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. It's about environmental educators from the classroom, to government, to non-profits, to concerned citizens and students stepping outside of the box, getting together and sharing with one another ways to better instill Arkansans to treasure our beautiful state (and Earth) so they too will value and protect it for generations to come.

[Click here for more information](#)

Arkansas Water Resources

Center Annual Water Conference

Water Quality Experts from across the Nation to Present at AWRC Conference.

The AWRC Annual Water Conference creates a forum for water resource stakeholders of all kinds to come together to discuss current issues in Arkansas and regionally. The focus of this year's conference is "Nutrients, Water Quality and Harmful Algal Blooms" and will feature speakers from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, North Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Colorado, and Michigan. Hearing from experts from around the country will provide the opportunity for researchers and State policy-makers to learn about what is working and what isn't working to address some of the most pressing water resource issues.

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Water Quality Protection in Our Daily Lives

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

With high fertilizer costs, and water quality issues associated with nutrients in stormwater runoff—calibration of your fertilizer spreader makes a lot of sense. Not all buggies or hand held spreaders distribute the same amount of fertilizer over the same amount of area, and settings of the opening and speed of your tractor or hand held applicator can vary—which means you could easily over apply fertilizer, while also not ensuring the most efficient growth of forage in your pasture or turf in your lawn.

The same issue can arise with pesticide application devices, which means that you can easily apply too much or not enough per unit area of your lawn or pasture to get effective control of the pest you are after. To ensure that you get the most bang for your buck and to help protect water quality, be sure to calibrate your spreader before making an application.

Applying too much pesticide or fertilizer is not only costly but can have negative environmental results. For example, excessive nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) can lead to an over growth of algae, also known as algal blooms. Algal blooms can affect water quality by changing the way it tastes and depleting the water of dissolved oxygen, killing macroinvertebrates and even fish. Some common pesticides, like permethrin and bifenthrin, are especially toxic to fish, aquatic life, and beneficial insects. It's particularly important to read the labels to make sure fertilizer and pesticides are applied correctly.

Integrated pest management (IPM) is an alternative to pesticide use. There are many ways to implement IPM and reduce the amount of pesticide used. For example, animals that eat ticks like chickens, guineas, and possums are good to have around. Read more about preventing pest invasions without pesticide [here](#).

If you are interested in learning more about how to calibrate your fertilizer or pesticide application equipment, contact us at info@beaverwatershedalliance.org or 479-750-8007.

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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! This month alone our amazing volunteers removed over 9,000 pounds of trash and 86 pounds of invasive plants from the watershed. Our stewardship and cleanup activities involved 133 people, and 158 people participated in our educational programs. This is the level of participation and dedication that makes a measurable impact on the health and beauty of the Beaver Lake Watershed and on the quality of our drinking water supply. Help us continue this trend of learning about and caring for the environment that we all depend on for a high quality of life.

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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