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Beaver Watershed Alliance August e-News

12th Annual Secchi Day is August 19th!

End-of-summer science festival at Beaver Lake
Features Free Food, Stand-up Paddle-board & Kayak Test Drives & Grand Prize Kayak Giveaway

Bring the entire family out to Prairie Creek Recreation Area on Beaver Lake from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19th to enjoy the 12th anniversary of Secchi Day, a free water appreciation science festival for all ages. The general public and the media are invited to attend. Just plug the address 9300 N. Park Road into your GPS - and you'll travel just a few miles east of Rogers off of Highway 12 in beautiful Northwest Arkansas to arrive at this beautiful park on the lake. Look for the temporary signage along the road that will help direct you to the event.

This year's festivities will include a mobile aquarium, demo stand-up paddle-boards and kayaks, a scavenger hunt and door prizes. Make a water testing device to take home, use colors and templates to make iron-on water messages for T-shirts and other items, make it rain on the watershed, and see how water flows impact water quality in the lake, fun for all ages!

"It's hard to believe we are in our 12th year," said Amy Wilson, Director of Public Affairs with Beaver Water District. "Our core group of lake volunteers (citizen scientists) collect water samples and get clarity (depth) readings at various pre-selected sites on the lake. The hands-on, lakeshore activities focuses on the importance of Beaver Lake to the quality of life in Northwest Arkansas. In addition to door prizes and a grand prize kayak donated by Cabela's, we'll have healthy snacks in the morning, followed by lunch (with vegetarian choices) and frozen treats. Beaver Water District is leading the way to ensure our community cares about Beaver Lake and values this beautiful natural resource. After all, it's the drinking water for one in seven Arkansans."

Secchi Day on Beaver Lake is named for the Secchi disk, a black and white device lowered into the water to measure clarity. In the early part of the morning, citizen science volunteers, using their own boats, collect water samples and take Secchi disk readings. Beaver Water District's core partners who make Secchi Day a success include celebrity emcee Rick Katzfey, Meteorologist for KNWA, science experts, and volunteers associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Beaver Lake, the U.S. Geological Survey, the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Northwest Arkansas Stormwater Education, Hobbs State Park, Arkansas Master Naturalists, Beaver Watershed Alliance, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, Ozarks Water Watch, One Community, the North American Lake Management Society, and Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas. For information, email awilson@bwdh2o.org.



(Above) View this Secchi Day video produced by EAST students at Randall G Lynch Middle School who attended the 11th Annual Secchi Day. It's great!

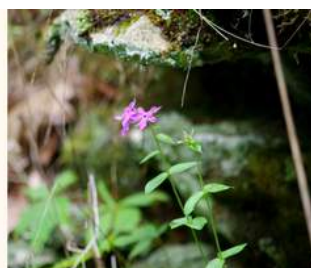
[View Secchi Day Flyer](#)

Visit www.bwdh2o.org to learn more about the 12th Annual Secchi Day Event!

2017 LANDWISE CONSERVATION WIN-WIN WORKSHOP

Engaging Regional Decision Makers in Conservation & Development

August 8 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Pratt Place Inn and Barn
2231 W Markham Rd, Fayetteville, AR 72701



Achieving Conservation Win-Win Outcomes in our Growing Region

The 2nd Annual LandWise Win-Win Workshop for Washington County will be held on Tuesday, August 8th, from 10 am to 4:30 pm at the Pratt Place Inn & Barn, Fayetteville, AR. This workshop is designed for regional "decision-makers," including city planners, real estate professionals, elected officials, and business and community leaders. Participants will learn from local professionals with practical examples and resources for creating more profitable and longer lasting projects while improving our communities through preservation of landscapes, watersheds and wildlife.

This second annual workshop will feature presentations by Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, Beaver Water District, NWA Regional Planning Commission, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, and others.

Upcoming Events

August 2
[Bioswale Maintenance at Taylor Park](#)
Greenland, AR
10 am to 12 pm

August 4
[White River Stewardship Float](#)
Eureka Springs, AR
10 am

August 4
[Native Tree Planting](#)
Elkins High School
259 Carrigan Rd.
Elkins, AR
7 am - 11 am

August 8
[Conservation Win-Win Workshops](#)
NWA Land Trust Workshop
Washington County

An afternoon panel will include a conversation with regional conservation partners including Beaver Watershed Alliance, Illinois River Watershed Partnership, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Watershed Conservation Resource Center, Arkansas Archaeological Survey, The Nature Conservancy and Walton Family Foundation. The workshop will conclude with a networking reception.

Register for the workshop through [Northwest Arkansas Land Trust](#) or contact Sim Barrow, Communications and Development Coordinator, Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, 479.966.4666.



Investing in Water Supply Protection in NWA
It's good for business, agriculture, recreation, nature, and you!

August 31

Thursday

11:30 am - 1 pm

*Free Lunch Provided
with RSVP*

**Washington
County
Cooperative
Extension**

2536 N. McConnell Ave
Fayetteville, AR 72704

TOPIC:

USGS StreamStats Program: A U.S. Geological Survey Web Map Application for Basin Characteristics and Streamflow Statistics

The presentation will discuss the StreamStats program which allows users to easily obtain streamflow statistics, basin characteristics, and descriptive information to estimate peak flows and helps in planning for and protecting water quality and built infrastructure.

PRESENTED BY:

Dan Wagner
Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey
Lower Mississippi-Gulf Water Science Center
Fayetteville, Arkansas office

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



Pratt Place Inn & Barn
Fayetteville, AR
10 am - 4:30 pm

August 19
[12th Annual Secchi Day](#)

Prairie Creek on Beaver
Lake, Rogers, AR
9 am - 1 pm

August 29
[Bioswale Maintenance Day at Taylor Park](#)

Greenland, AR
9 am to 11 am

August 31
[BWA 2017 Speaker Series](#)

Washington County
Cooperative Extension
2536 N. McConnell Ave
Fayetteville, AR
11 am - 1 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

September 9
[Lee Creek Cleanup](#)

Devil's Den State Park
11333 W. Hwy 74
West Fork, AR
8 am - 12 noon

September 12
[Rain Garden Stewardship](#)

St. Paul, AR
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

September 29
[Beaver Lake Symposium](#)

Elkins, AR
9 am to 3 pm

October 17
[Farm Field Day](#)

12491 Hazel Valley Rd.
Fayetteville, AR
10 am - 1 pm

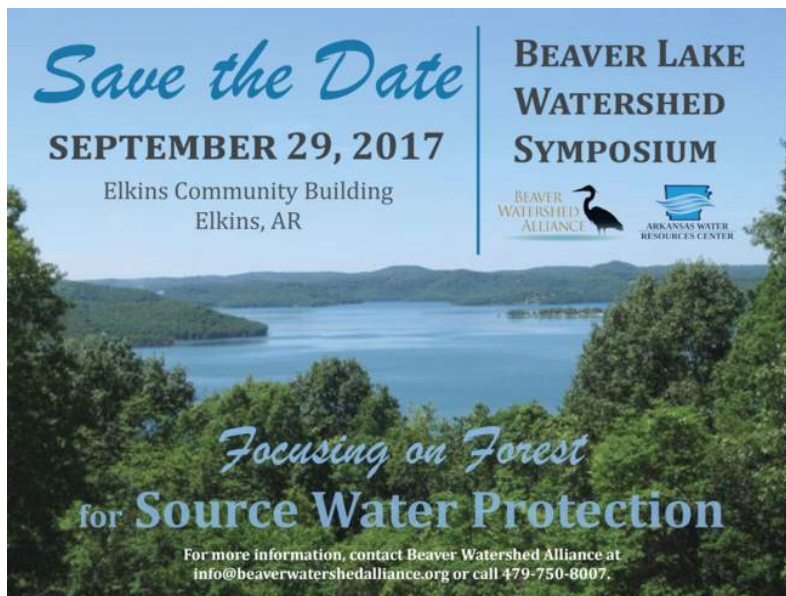
Water for Life!

The value of your interest and involvement in the voluntary watershed protection effort for our regional water supply is priceless and appreciated!

Read, like, and share this newsletter to help spread the good water quality word and to help get your friends and family involved.

Together, we can make a difference!

Events Calendar



Congratulations to the 2017 BWA Watershed Photography Contest Winners!

The 2017 theme for the contest was "Open Space" and we appreciate all of the entries and talent submitted!



1st Place: Sheila Calix, *Misty Winter Cloister*, taken at Old Prairie Creek Road in Rogers.

The **Beaver Lake Watershed Symposium** is a program designed for anyone with an interest in learning more about the water quality of Beaver Lake, outreach programs taking place, best management practices that are being applied within the watershed, and technical information.

The 2017 Symposium will "Focus on the Forest" and present topics supporting the connection between managed forest, healthy watersheds and clean, quality drinking water.

The program will be held at the Elkins Community Center, Elkins, AR. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP to participate. Call 479-750-8007 or email info@beaverwatershedalliance.org to RSVP. Lunch is provided.

The program is organized by the Beaver Watershed Alliance and the Arkansas Water Resource Center.



2nd Place: William L. Armacost, *The Valley of the War Eagle*, at War Eagle Mill.





Protecting and restoring Beaver Lake, our regional drinking water source!

Rain Garden Stewardship

Tuesday, September 12th 11:30 am – 1:30pm

South Madison County Convenience Center
St. Paul, AR



Join us for some work on the rain garden at the South Madison County Convenience Center, located approximately 0.7 miles east of the HWY 23 and 16 Junction on the south side of the highway. We will be pulling weeds and checking to see if any plants need to be added. Gloves and Supplies will be provided. Meet at the facility at 11 am.

For more info and to RSVP, contact:

Melissa@beaverwatershedalliance.org

479-750-8007



Event Partners and Sponsors



Beaver Water District **patagonia**

Rain Gardens help reduce rain runoff and help manage stormwater at its source. Helping to keep local rain gardens looking aesthetically pleasing and functional improves water quality for the Beaver Lake watershed. Managing rain gardens is a great way to get involved with your community and volunteer!


The Rain Garden Mini-Grant Program continues with applications being accepted for Fall mini-grants through September 1 - October 30, 2017. Applications funded will be installed by December 20, 2017. Grants available include up to \$250 for residents in the Beaver Lake watershed and up to \$1,000 for businesses, schools, churches and other public spaces.

If you are interested in applying for the Fall funding for rain gardens, please email info@beaverwatershedalliance.org or call 479-750-8007 for more information.

[View 2017 Rain Garden Application PDF](#)

3rd Place: Carole Jones, Western Wallflower Finds a Place in the Open Space, taken at Mule Lot Road in the Pine Top area of Beaver Lake.



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 BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Thanks to our partners, sponsors, volunteers and participants that helped celebrate and support Lakes Appreciation Month activities for Beaver Lake and its watershed!

340

people engaged in watershed stewardship, education and volunteered

13,260

hours were spent learning, cleaning up, removing invasive plants and caring for the watershed

2,080

pounds of trash were removed from undesirable areas in the watershed

#BWAAlliance #LakesAppreciation



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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