

NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Free training: Streamwatchers needed for Bushkill Creek

Brodhead Watershed Association's Streamwatch team of more than 70 volunteers tests local waters monthly to ensure Pocono waters are clean and pure. New volunteers are needed for Bushkill Creek.

Training will be given 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at the Middle Smithfield Township Building, 147 Municipal Drive, East Stroudsburg.

The program and equipment are provided free of charge through a grant from the William Penn Foundation and support from The Nature Conservancy and BWA.

Streamwatch trainer Jackie Speicher will guide participants through Streamwatch protocols, including how to record observational data such as water color, odor, and turbidity; and how to use test kits that sample for pH of the water, nitrate concentrations and orthophosphates. Veteran Streamwatchers will be available to answer questions.

Volunteers note any changes in their streams and report "red flags" – major changes in the appearance or the chemical tests performed.

These "stream stewards" fulfill an important role in safeguarding the quality of Pocono waters as well as helping the public become more aware of the valuable natural resources we share.

For information or to register, please contact Jackie Speicher at 570-236-3008 or jackie.speicher@brodheadwatershed.org. See also brodheadwatershed.org/streamwatchers.html.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.