

NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Water Wiser Kids program debuts with Cherry Creek snorkeling

There is a whole beautiful world to be enjoyed in the fresh water of Cherry Creek in Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Brittney Coleman, water educator at Kettle Creek Environmental Center, will lead a creek snorkeling expedition for children at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19.

With a creek snorkel, flotation device and guidance from Coleman, elementary-age kids and their families have a chance to enter a world that is as fascinating as a rain forest, see it up close and learn a little about the creatures who live there.

“You don’t have to go to some exotic tropical reef. Kids have a blast and learn a lot” right here while creek-snorkeling, Coleman says.

Along the way, kids will learn about which plants and critters in creeks can’t stand pollution, and why. They’ll hear about the food chain, from the tiny caddis fly to weasels and river otters. They’ll see sunlight in water from a fish’s perspective and find out what a fish’s life is like – all in the natural world of the Poconos.

The Water Wiser Kids program is hosted by Brodhead Watershed Association and Kettle Creek Environmental Center. The series is supported by a grant from the Dr. Claus Jordan Endowment Grant, part of the Lehigh Valley Health Network Pocono Foundation.

WATER WISER KIDS EVENT: Creek snorkeling

Join Brittney Coleman, Water Wiser Kids guide, for this 1.5- to 2-hour exploration of Cherry Creek for elementary-age children. Equipment provided. Kids should wear a bathing suit or clothes to get wet and old sneakers or sport sandals. A parent or guardian must be present. Bring a towel, snack and water.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 19, 2017

WHERE: Meet at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge off Cherry Valley Road, south of Stroudsburg. Take Route 191 south past the Stroudsmoor resort. At the bottom of the hill, go left on Cherry Valley Road. At Croasdale Road, go right to parking for the refuge.

REGISTRATION: The event is free, but registration is required and limited to 20 children. Please register by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18.

CONTACT: Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727; email info@brodheadwatershed.org. For information about this and other water explorations in the free Water Wiser Kids series, go to brodheadwatershed.org/WaterWiser.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.