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BWA Offers Training for New Volunteer Streamwatchers March 20th and March 22nd



The Brodhead Watershed Association is dedicated to protecting the exceptional water quality present in our communities. Water is one of the most critical life needs, not just for you and me but all living things that share the watershed with us. In order for the BWA to fulfill its mission we need to know where water quality issues exist and the only way to know that is through long term monitoring of our streams.

For over 20 years the BWA has been conducting watershed monitoring through a program called Streamwatch. This project requires volunteer effort to get out every month at sites throughout the watershed and sample the water quality.

If you agree that we need to continue to monitor our shared water resources to ensure that we continue to have the finest water in the world then the BWA needs your help. Streamwatch coordinator Ellen Davis has scheduled two training sessions for new volunteers, on Thursday, March 20 at 7 pm, or Saturday, March 22 at 10 am, in the parish hall of St. Paul's United Church of Christ at 406 Upper Swiftwater Road in Swiftwater, PA.

Participants will be trained on the Streamwatch protocols, taught how to use the test kits and where to report their findings. Volunteers will then be assigned to test in their home sub-watershed, the Upper Brodhead, Lower Brodhead, Paradise, Pocono or McMichael Creek. These training sessions will also be an excellent refresher course for existing Streamwatch volunteers.

In every aspect of our lives we recognize the need for early detection, whether it is smoke alarms in our home or annual medical check-ups. Catching a problem early is better than waiting until it is too late to take action. Why should our most precious natural resource be any different?

To register for either of the training sessions please contact the BWA office at 570-839-1120, or visit our website at www.brodheadwatershed.org. If you have questions about the Streamwatch program or the training sessions please contact Ellen Davis at 570-839-9179 or fernridger08@verizon.net.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit 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. The BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring.

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