



## Happy New Year!

### Are you sampling in 2020?

If you plan to sample in 2020 and haven't spoken to/emailed Lynn yet, please do do ASAP.

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## Volunteer Breakfast and Training

Sat, Feb 8, starting at 9 am

At the Butler County Engineers Office

1921 Fairgrove Ave, Hamilton, OH 45011 ([map](#))



It seemed like the signup genius worked for those who wanted to bring food to share, so I set it up again for this year. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EABAB29A3FD0-training2> if you would like to bring items this year.

Bob will be making hot items again. If there is something that you really liked that he's made in the past, [let him know](#)...perhaps he'll make it again.

The plan is to go over any training items, hear a little about the data, and then learn from a speaker about this year's tshirt critter. Once again the tshirts have been designed by Chris Rowlands who hopes to join us. He'll have prints and cds with him if anyone is interested in purchasing items.

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## Got Bottles?

**Please bring them to the breakfast**

Please bring any and all sample bottles to the breakfast. We will make sure you receive the bottles you need and a spare along with your labels.

## Lab Sign Up

I've set up the lab sign up again through Doodle, just like in past years.

<https://doodle.com/poll/48zgfng6c2taqnby>

Remember, if you sign up then find out you cannot make a date, please update the doodle signup. We limit the spaces each month to make sure we don't have you wasting your time and gas driving to the lab and finding out there is nothing to do. However, if several of you sign up then don't show up, not only does it make us sad not to see your smiling face, but it leaves us short in the lab. If you have trouble with the signu[email me](#) and I'll try and fix it on my end.



You can sign up for morning, afternoon, or both shifts.

## Seeking New Samplers

Do you know anyone that would be willing and able to collect 3 samples in Oxford? Lauren graduates this Spring, and so we will be seeking a new sampler. Locations are on Chestnut, Locust and Sandra.

If you do know someone, [please send them my direction. Thanks, Lynn](#)

I haven't heard back from everyone yet, but we may need a new sampler in Middletown. If you know of anyone, again please send them my way.

## Four Mile Creek Stakeholders Meeting

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**starting at 6:00pm**

Oxford Lane Library, 441 South Locust St, Oxford, OH 45056

Butler SWCD in collaboration with Miami University's Institute for the Environment and Sustainability is conducting research to help develop a watershed plan for a part of the Four Mile Creek Watershed to improve water quality and overall watershed



health. If you are someone who lives in this watershed or have interest in its water quality, we seek your input to identify areas of concern and areas that might be a good fit for watershed improvement projects. We hope you can be there!



Please email [maurermr@butlercountyohio.org](mailto:maurermr@butlercountyohio.org) or call [513-887-3720](tel:513-887-3720) to RSVP.

*This is a part of a research project with Miami University's Institute for the Environment and Sustainability. Attendees will need to sign a consent form at the meeting.*

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## Meet the Stream Team Grad Students



### **Mac**

Hello, my name is Macenzie Reed and I am from Cincinnati, Ohio. I am going into my last semester at Miami University pursuing my master's degree in Environmental Science. My focus is on water resource management and having the opportunity to participate in Stream Team fits in perfectly for my post-graduation career goals.



### **Zak**

I'm Zak Schultz and I grew up in Miamisburg, OH. I recently graduated with honors from Wright State University, majoring in Earth & Environmental Sciences. During my undergraduate degree I completed a two year research thesis investigating the nutrient concentrations entering local rivers from stormwater systems in Dayton, Ohio. I also worked for the City of Dayton's Water Department for two years while in college. I focused primarily on stormwater monitoring, with a secondary focus on groundwater pollution prevention. I am now pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Science at Miami



University, specializing in water resource preservation and restoration. I hope to one day work as a public servant focused on improving water quality. In my free time I love to cook, read, and play board games.

## ***Goodbye Teresa***

Hello to all my fellow  
Stream Team Warriors

I just wanted to include a quick note to say how much I have enjoyed working with all of you these past years. I feel very proud of the work that the Butler County Stream Team has been able to accomplish. However, I have been given a career opportunity that I cannot pass up and therefore, I am moving to Minnesota by the end of the month. I will be working for the City of Blaine and continuing to work with storm water on many levels. I look forward to watching, from afar, how much more the Stream Team can continue to do. If you are ever in the twin cities area, please feel free to look me up – I would love to have company.



Teresa

## ***Looking for more volunteer opportunities?***

Butler SWCD started the Butler Environmental Stewardship Team last year, and we went out to clean honeysuckle, clean up river banks, and much more. Here is the tentative schedule for 2020:

- Apr 22- River/Wetland Cleanup
- May 23 - Invasive Removal at a wetland in Beckett Ridge
- June 27 - Join us to learn how to conduct biological sampling of streams, then borrow equipment to head out on your own
- July 18 - Learn how to conduct Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (much easier than it sounds)
- Aug 25 - Clean up the rain garden at Hopewell Early Childhood School
- Sept 19 - Honeysuckle Removal in Middletown



- Oct 24 - Great Miami River Cleanup- multiple locations

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## Clean Sweep of the Great Miami

Thank you to everyone that braved the weather to make it out in October for the annual river clean up event. Event went from warm and sunny on Friday to us waking up to near freezing wind and rain for the event . Total numbers bring us to just under 10 tons of garbage and about 120 tires!



## Rain Barrel Art Project

School groups, professional artists and everyone in between are welcome to submit entries for the 2020 Rain Barrel Art Project. Entries are due by Jan 17, then a team will select the winning entries who will go on to paint their barrel. All barrels will be displayed at the Cincy Zoo from Apr 1- 23, then an auction will be held during the Zoo's Party for the Planet event on April 23. Auction

proceeds will be split between water quality education and environmental education at the zoo.

Find out more and complete your entry at <https://www.savelocalwaters.org/2020project.html>

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## Tree & Shrub Sale

Butler Soil and Water is now taking orders for their annual tree and shrub sale. Species information and the orders are all found on our partner's website at [www.warrenswcd.com/tree-sale.html](http://www.warrenswcd.com/tree-sale.html)

If you have information about any native plant sales in the area, [please send the info to Lynn](#) to be shared in one of the upcoming newsletters.

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