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## Butler County Stream Team December 2014



### Volunteer Stream Monitoring in Southwest Ohio *No Sampling Dec, Jan, or Feb*

#### No Winter Sampling

Please remember that we are following the EPA sampling calendar and there will be no sampling during the months of Dec, Jan, or Feb.

We do however hope to see you on what would be the Feb sampling date, but is actually our volunteer appreciation brunch and training event, on Feb 14. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. Keep warm.

#### Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Feb 14, 9 am - 11 am  
Butler County Engineers Office  
Fairgrove Ave (Rt 4), Hamilton

Please remember to let Teresa know if you need a new bridge sampler prior to the brunch.

We will have your t-shirt, sample bottles, labels and more during the brunch. We will also use this time for a little training as required by the Ohio EPA to keep our efforts scientific and useful.

#### What are you interested in....?

As always, we would like to know what interests you in terms of training and events. Last year, we had training on stream critters, enjoyed a pontoon trip at Acton Lake, floated down the Great Miami in canoes, and even visited the Drinking and Waste Water Plants in Fairfield. Is there anything that you would like to see us try and set up for 2015?

#### Here are some ideas we have:

#### Coming up ...

Feb 14- volunteer brunch  
Mar 14 - next sampling date

#### Lending Library Titles

We all have lots of books that we would love to share with someone who has similar interests. So we thought this might be a way to share them with people we know like streams! If you have books, DVDs or other things - especially about water - that you would like to contribute, feel free to bring them along anytime. Or, if there are particular books you would like us to buy, let us know and once a year or so we can add a few to our collection.

#### Here's our list to date:

\*[A Guide to Common Freshwater Invertebrates of North America](#)

\*[A Guide to Ohio Streams](#)

\*[After the Storm](#) - DVD

\*[An Introduction to the World's Oceans](#)

\*[Bugs of the Underworld](#): a fly fisher's guide to the natural history of aquatic insects (DVD - available on request)

\*[Exploring the World Ocean](#)

\*[Fostering Sustainable Behavior](#): An introduction to community-based social marketing

\*[Guide to Aquatic Insects & Crustaceans](#)

\*[Gulf Hypoxia: Action plan 2008](#)

\*[Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans](#) to Restore and Protect Our Waters

\*[Introductory Oceanography](#)

\*[Life in the Soil](#): A guide for naturalists and gardeners

\*Marine Ecology

\*[Migratory Shore and Upland Game Bird Management](#) in North America

## Speakers

Bob Lentz, with the Butler County Storm Water District is talking about bringing some fantastic speakers to the area to discuss items such as the danger of finding plastic containers when we are out. No, not just because garbage is an issue, but actually due to the problem with meth! we will let you know as soon as he gets it set up.

## Hikes

MetroParks has offered a salamander hike during the spring migration. They will send me info soon to



share with you. Instead of picking one evening for this hike, they will be asking for people to submit their email address and they will contact you when the migration looks imminent. Nothing worse than planning a salamander hike and picking a date before or after the hike takes place. The hike will most likely be either at Indian Creek Preserve or Salamander Run. I promise to send more info to you once I receive it.

## What are Other Monitoring Groups Up To?

I saw a great article about the Missouri Stream Team, a state wide monitoring network. For the past few years they have been monitoring road salt in the winter. To find out more about their efforts, [check out their newsletter](#) (pdf). You can also visit their webpage at [www.mostreamteam.org](http://www.mostreamteam.org).

[\\*Monitoring Guidance for Determining the Effectiveness of Nonpoint Source Controls](#)

[\\*Oceanography](#)

[\\*Ohio Vernal Pools: Diamonds in the Rough](#) (DVD - available on request)

[\\*Our Waters, Our Health](#)

[\\*Pond and Brook: A guide to nature in freshwater environments](#)

[\\*River of Words](#)

[\\*Stemming the Tide of Coastal Fish Habitat Loss](#)

[\\*Swamp and Bog:](#) Trees, shrubs, and wildflowers of eastern freshwater wetlands

[\\*The Colorado:](#) A river at risk

[\\*The Evolution of North America](#)

[\\*The Face of the Deep](#)

[\\*The Mill Creek: An Unnatural History of an Urban Stream](#)

[\\*Watersheds: A Practical Handbook for Healthy Water](#)

### Crisis Spot

As you are out sampling or just out for a walk along the waterways and see something wrong, email us. We always want to hear from our volunteers, especially if there is a problem that can be corrected.

You are our eyes in the field, the first line of defense for streams in Butler County when there is a problem. Once a problem has been reported to us, we can pass it along to the appropriate agencies. For instance, Carol Jones's interest in streams led her sister to make her aware of cleared brush in her local creek. When Carol contacted us, Doug Dirksing contacted Duke Energy, who was unaware of the mess and promptly cleaned it up. Success is sweet!

Thanks again for all you do for Butler County Stream Team!

### Crisis Spot

Crisis Spot emails can be sent to Teresa Barnes at [barnest@bceo.org](mailto:barnest@bceo.org)

If you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us at [whitelr@butlercountyohio.org](mailto:whitelr@butlercountyohio.org)

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