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Butler County Stream Team

June 2015 news



Next Sampling Day - June 13

Consistent samplers - don't forget; if you will be out of town on sampling day, let us know and we will try to get your sites sampled while you're gone.

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Lab Volunteers needed this month

So far, we have only 4 people signed up for lab this month. If you are interested in helping, remember to sign up at <http://doodle.com/8xwapepucesena4t>. Lab volunteers will need to order a free parking pass. [It's easy to do online.](#)

Can't Sample?

Stream Team Sampling Dates

June 13

July 11

Canoe / Kayak Trip June 27

Join Beth and Lynn for a float down the Great Miami from Franklin to Middletown. We have a few boats that people can borrow, or feel free to bring your own. If you bring your own, we can transport it from the end point to the start point upstream so that your car will be waiting for you at the end. If you are interested in joining us, please email lynn with the following

- Number of people
- Whether you will bring a boat or borrow one of ours (limited supply)
- If you have had any experience canoeing or

If you can't sample on Saturday, please let us know in order to have someone else grab your samples.

- Lynn White - [513-615-2538](tel:513-615-2538)
- Teresa Barnes - [513-706-8991](tel:513-706-8991)

Samples

Sample Bottles

PLEASE use only NEW bottles. If you need some, let us know and we will figure out how to get them to you - or let us know which cooler you use so that we can be sure there is enough in the cooler for pick-up in June.

Keep your samples cold

PLEASE be sure to put ice in your yellow coolers! It is imperative that the samples not get warm. If you need a cooler and/or ice pack, let us know and we will get one to you.

Remember to sign in your sample

PLEASE be sure to sign your samples into the cooler on the sign in sheet. We are required to have a chain of custody for the EPA's Credible Data Program. If samples are not signed in - they might not get run. To make this easier, let Teresa know which cooler you use barnest@bceo.org. We will have your sample ID's typed on the list. Then, all you have to do is sign, date, and time it for each sample.

Coolers

Which Cooler Do you Use?

Can you please email Teresa barnest@bceo.org and tell her which cooler you use. This will make signing in your samples quicker as she can have your site id's typed on the sign-in sheet.

Cooler Locks

I know that several people have had issues working the lock - me included. I have to remind myself that the combination does not go "in the center" - but, needs to be in line with the lines on the lock - that are

kayaking in the past.

Time:

If you are bringing your own boat(s): We will meet at 9:20 at the Bike path parking lot at Rt 4 and Carmoody Blvd (before you cross the bridge, next to Jamco Driver thru). We will transport your boat in our enclosed trailer to the put in point so you can load up and drive off when we are done.

If you are using our boats: We will meet you at 9:45 at W Jackson and S. River St in Franklin. When we are done we will take you back to your vehicle.

New Great Miami Canoe Livery opened

Free Music Festival- June 13.

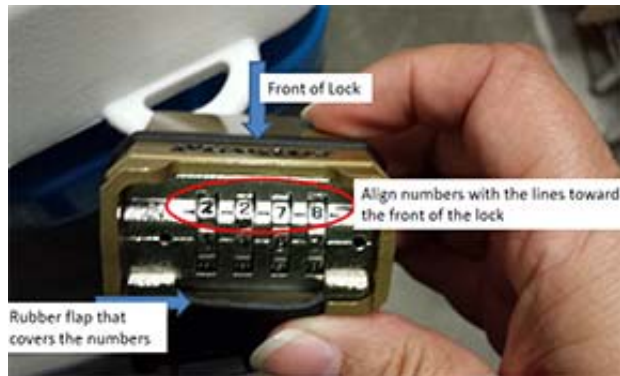
JimCo's Drive Thru and Outdoors has opened in Middletown right along the bike path and river. They are having a music festival on Saturday the 13th (yes, stream team day). They offer many different trips on the Miami River and Twin Creek. They also transport your own kayak/canoe and have bike rentals. Call or just stop in for details. His cell is 937-260-7753 or the Pizza Shop 513-424-1529. 2401 Carmody Blvd, Middletown, OH.

Other Events

Wildlife Habitat Workshop: Wild for Wetlands

Saturday, June 27 at the Upper Valley JVS in Piqua, Ohio. [Find out more.](#)

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Cooler Times

Please remember that, due to the regulations, time restrictions of running the samples, temperature requirements and blank sample requirements, the coolers will not be placed out for collection until 8:00 am. While we will do our best to have them out by 7:30 (at the absolute earliest) - we cannot guarantee that the cooler will get there before 8:00. Sorry, we know that we used to be able to put them out on the Friday evening in a lot of locations in the past, but keeping with our credible data requirements means that this is no longer possible. Remember that the coolers are picked up at 10:30 at all sites except for Liberty Firehouse which is picked up at 10 am.

Biological Sampling AKA Critter Checkin'

Sampling has begun for biological testing. If you are interested in testing a site near you 2-3 times a year, please contact Lynn. We have kits with everything that you need, including nets, magnifiers, id sheets, etc. All we ask is that you go with someone that has been to one of the classes before. Donna and Lynn have held several of the last few years so there are a number of you out there.

Creeking in the Parks programs for families. If you would like to bring family members feel free. If you would like to help [Lynn email her](#).

Forest Run MetroPark June 17, 10 am
Sebald Park, June 24, 10 am
Indian Creek, July 15, 10 am
Gov Bebb Park, July 22, 10 am

Whitewater River Sweep Clean-Up

Saturday, June 20th, 9:00am to 12:30pm.

This year's clean-up location will be in Franklin County, Indiana at Morgan's Canoe Center, 7040 Whitewater River Lane, Brookville, IN. Volunteers will focus on cleaning up an 8 mile stretch along the Whitewater River. Each volunteer will receive a 2015 River Sweep T-shirt and will be provided with water, trash bags and gloves (while supplies last). Please register by June 18th to secure your T-shirt size and supplies. For more information or to register see Upcoming Events at www.dearborncountywatersheds.org or contact Heather Wirth at: 812-926-2406 ext. 107 or heather.wirth@in.nacdn.net

Bev Thomas, Anne Hooke, and Chelsea Obrebski joined me this Saturday to test a location along 4 Mile Creek. I was amazed that in our first grab we managed to get more than the 200 creatures that we needed to assess the water.

Volunteer Spotlight

Karen Gotter

Karen Gotter is currently the volunteer intern with Butler Soil and Water. She participates in a little bit of everything at the offices and out in the field, including assisting Lynn and Beth when they need a hand with Stream Team. However, she's in the spotlight this month, because this is the second time around she's been involved with Stream Team!



Karen was an Environmental Studies student at Miami's Western College Program (WCP) from 2005 to 2009. During that time, she was in and out of our old building, Boyd Hall, on a nearly daily basis: For classes, as a WCP Peer Science Tutor, and after joining Stream Team to help collect and analyze samples from the Beckett Ridge Basin. The basin was established in 2006, and she began assisting in the summer of 2008, continuing through her senior year. She received funding through Miami's Undergraduate Summer Scholars program to conduct salamander sampling at Beckett Ridge and in a nearby basin.

After graduation, Karen stayed on as the Student Activities Coordinator for the Western Program, then left for the other side of the country to nanny for her

family near San Francisco. After that, she returned home to Bellville, Ohio and worked as a pharmacy technician for two years, before deciding to pursue a Master's degree. She's now living in Oxford, and volunteering with both Soil and Water, and the Three Valley Conservation Trust. She's getting ready to head up to the Boundary Waters in Grand Marais, Minnesota for a week-long canoe trip, so she'll be ready to go for our paddling adventure at the end of June!

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