



Sat, April 13

is our next sampling date

Reminder to contact Lynn 513-615-2538 or Teresa 513-706-8991 if you cannot sample, or if you have any issues while sampling.

Sampling Reminders

- Coolers are in place from 8 am - 10:30 am.
- Please remember to wear your safety vest.
- Please mark the time and date on your labels of when you collected the sample. None of the sample times should be the same unless you are a time traveler :)
- Remember to sign in your samples in the lock box then place your sample in the cooler. Both coolers use the same code.
- Sign your sample into the cooler with the drop off time.
- Keep the cooler lid closed as much as possible
- Remember to grab bottles for the following month. It's always helpful to have a spare bottle in case one accidentally "jumps" into the creek.
- If there is not enough water to sample, fill out label saying dry, or too low to sample, then attached to a bottle and place in the cooler.
- **Duplicate samples** - when you sign them into the cooler, put the number "2" next to the sample ID.

BCEO Cooler

For those of you who drop off at the BCEO cooler, there will be another cooler that says "Well Water Samples Only." This is for residents that participated in our well water event a few weeks ago. They will drop off their well water for bacteria testing. Just ignore it when dropping off your stream team samples.

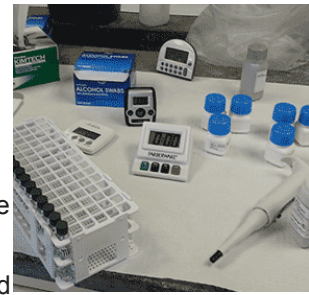
Lab Sign Up

You can sign up for a shift at the lab through Doodle.

<https://doodle.com/poll/rfkdvqgt4dz6bbq7>

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.



Sunday Bacteria Count

Would you like to help Tera do the bacteria count on Sunday after Stream Team Saturday? If so you can sign up at

<https://doodle.com/poll/h62cuxdbp5ytxwbk> or [Contact Tera](#) directly.

When: The Sunday after sampling Saturday from 10:30 am - until finish which is typically between 1 & 2 pm.

Where: Stream Team Lab, Rm 7 in Shideler Hall

Why: We are hoping to free up some time for the grad students so that they can do more work with the data.



Hack Down Some Honeysuckle

Want to take some anger out on some honeysuckle? Then join Maddie and myself on Saturday, April 22 at Miami Natural Areas to hack down some honeysuckle.

Maddie and I are offering a different opportunity each month to get out and make a difference.

Next month we will be wading into a wetland to remove cattails in Beckett Ridge.

Find out more about and sign up at www.butlerswcd.org/volunteer

Butler SWCD Internship

We are seeking a seasonal intern for up to 480 hours of work. No more than 28 hours a week for \$12 an hour.

This position will spend about half of their time assisting with education and outreach programs. During their other hours, they will help with conservation projects and assist staff with site investigations and conservation practice layout.

Application Deadline is April 19.

Find out more at www.butlerswcd.org/employment

New survey reveals that women who kayak or ski report the highest levels of mental wellbeing

The 'Women in Adventure Mental Wellbeing Survey' looks at the effect of outdoor sports on the mental wellbeing of women and has thrown up some intriguing results.

<https://www.adaptnetwork.com/lifestyle/survey-reveals-women-who-kayak-ski-report-highest-levels-mental-wellbeing/>

Kayak Trips

May 7 (May 14 rain date)

This trip is for people with their own boats as there are no canoe/kayak liveries.

At Gilmore Ponds in Hamilton/Fairfield. Last year we met at 6 pm at the parking lot on Gilmore/Bob Meyer Rd.

If interested, [please let me know](#)

and I'll send emails directly to you closer to the time.



August/September Annual Canoe/Kayak trip

You do not need your own boat

We are testing waters at this point to find out your interest in driving to Bellbrook to paddle on the Little Miami River? If you would be willing to drive there (45 mins from Hamilton), please let me know. If we decide to do this, Bob will need at least 3 months to get his paperwork through to get the kayak livery into his system as a vendor. We've been on many sections of the Lower Great Miami, we thought this would make a nice change.

Please [let me know](#) if you are interested, it won't bind you to anything as we haven't even got a date set yet.



American Spring Live

For three consecutive nights, Monday, April 29 – Wednesday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m. ET on PBS (check local listings) and Facebook, [Nature: American Spring LIVE](#) presents the change from winter to spring in real time from iconic locations across America. Join scientists in the field as they make real-time observations and discoveries about how longer days and warming temperatures trigger big changes in animals and plants. And it's not all up to the experts. You can play a part too and become a citizen scientist in pursuit of critical data on the science of Spring. http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/american-spring-live/?utm_source=promourl&utm_medium=direct&utm_campaign=americanspringlive_2019

Rain Barrel Art Project

The artists are hard at work decorating their rain barrels

They will be displayed at the Cincy Zoo from April 1 through April 25 when they will be auctioned off. The auction will be online from April 15-25 if you would like to bid on a barrel.

Find out more at www.savelocalwaters.org/2019-project.html

Water News

World Water Day: Citizen scientists provide valuable information on intermittent rivers

https://nsf.gov/discoveries/disc_summ.jsp?cntn_id=297579

Cuyahoga River, which inspired the creation of the EPA, is safe to fish again

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/cuyahoga-river-inspired-creation-epa-safe-fish/story?id=61813253>

Microplastic pollution revealed 'absolutely everywhere' by new research

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/mar/07/microplastic-pollution-revealed-absolutely-everywhere-by-new-research>

Why Toledo gave legal rights to Lake Erie

<https://www.citylab.com/environment/2019/03/lake-erie-bill-of-rights-toledo-voters-great-lakes-pollution/583738/>

Plant Sales

There has been a date change for the Bowyer Farm Plant Sales

Thank you to Karen Gaker for sharing info about many plant sales that are taking place in the coming months. It looks like most of the sales are taking place on sampling Saturday's. Remember the coolers are out from 8 am - 10:30 am, so there is time to collect and drop off samples before heading to the plant sales.

Aullwood Native Plant Sale April 13, 9 am - 3 pm

9101 Frederick Pike, Dayton, 45414

<http://aullwood.audubon.org/events/native-plant-sale-public-sale-0>

Butler County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale

Sat, May 11, 10 am until sold out

1802 Princeton Rd, Hamilton, OH

Cincinnati Zoo Bowyer Farm Native Plant Sales

May 11, July 13, Sept 28, 9:00am – 1:00pm

2210 N Mason Montgomery Rd

Find out more at http://cincinnati.zoo.org/horticulture/horticulture_events/

Bergamot Native Plant Sale

June 22 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m

Marianist Environmental Education Center, Dayton

<https://meec.center/native-plants/plant-sale>



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