

January 23, 2008

Dear Stream Team Volunteers and friends:

Thank you for being a part of the Butler County Stream Team in 2007! We are excited to invite you to attend two upcoming special events.

- Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> First Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Please join us for a special catered event at the Knolls of Oxford, 6727 Contreras Road, for the first annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Community Forum from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We want to show you how much we appreciate your efforts. We also want to hear what worked, what did not, and how we can make this organization better. So please come and share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns with us.
  - Don't forget !!! February 9<sup>th</sup> is also a scheduled sampling event! In order to complete the work before lunch, lab analysis of samples on February 9<sup>th</sup> will begin two hours early at 10:00 a.m. Feel free to stop by Boyd Hall laboratory or join us afterward at the Knolls. (*Participation in the sampling event is not required to attend the Appreciation Lunch.*)

Lunch will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m., followed by short presentations from the Stream Team partners and a guest speaker. At 2:15 p.m., we will open the floor to all of you to let us know what is working well, what needs improvement, and how we can keep this group going strong! We will be finished no later than 3:30 p.m.

- Please RSVP! Let us know how many friends you are bringing! Activities for children will be provided during the meeting, so bring your young folks along, too!
- The first 50 people to arrive for lunch at the Knolls will receive a limited edition <u>Stream Team baseball cap</u>!

- 2. Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> First Annual Stream Team Open House The first annual Stream Team Open House will be held in the lab at Boyd Hall on Western Drive from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
  - The purpose of this day is to increase the number of volunteers by displaying what we do, what we have accomplished, and what we hope to achieve in the future. Lab analysis will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until about 3:00 p.m. Join us for as long or as short a time as you like during that period.

Displays from the Butler County Storm Water District, Butler Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Institute of Environmental Sciences will be available for browsing and the coordinators will be available for questions.

Refreshments will be served outside the lab as you talk with our coordinators and view the displays. No RSVP is necessary for this event, just stop by! And bring a friend!

If you can not make the community forum or open house, please feel free to contact us with your thoughts at:513-529-5811, <u>streamteam@listserv.muohio.edu</u> and be sure to check out the website at <u>www.butlercountystreamteam.org</u>.

Thank you again for your service to the Butler County community and we look forward to speaking with you on Feb. 9th and/or March 8th about the Butler County Stream Team!

Sincerely,

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