

## Alliance Annual Symposium

### Beaver Lake Watershed Annual Symposium Thursday, September 24, 2020, 8:30 am - 11 am

This year's Annual Symposium will feature both landscape-scale conservation topics as well as agricultural best management practices for source water protection. Presentations will include state-level updates on the Arkansas State Nutrient Reduction Strategy, and the 2018 Farm Bill Section 1244(n): Source Water Protection Through Targeting of Agricultural Practices.



Local-level topics will focus on the Alliance Pond Optimization Project with Baylor University and water quality studies conducted in the West Fork watershed with the University of Arkansas Water Resources Center, including a virtual tour in the headwaters of Rock Creek. Presentations on the U of A Discovery Farms Program will expand on best management practice impacts and the development of a Discovery Watershed Program.

Beaver Lake and its tributaries are interconnected with the regional landscape of Northwest Arkansas. Landowners, universities, scientist, government agencies, utilities, conservation organizations and water quality groups are working in collaboration to achieve conservation objectives. This Annual Symposium aims to bring educational awareness on technical topics, highlight the efforts and results achieved in the Beaver Lake watershed and open a dialogue for stakeholders.

**See Event Details and Agenda below.**

#### Event Details

The Symposium is **free** to attend. [Registration](#) is required for the Zoom webinar.

As part of the Symposium, we will be holding a **raffle** at the end of the program for **six \$50 gift cards** to Bass Pro Shops, Tractor Supply Company, and Gearhead Outfitters. You must be present to win!

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## Symposium Agenda

**8:30 am: Welcome, Becky Roark, Beaver Watershed Alliance**

**8:45 am: State Nutrient Reduction Strategy Updates, State Water Plan for Arkansas**  
AR Dept. of Agriculture - Natural Resources Division

**9:15 am: 2018 Farm Bill Section 1244(n): Source Water Protection Through Targeting of Agricultural Practices**  
Edgar Mersiovsky, State Soil Scientist, USDA NRCS

**9:45 am: Discovery Farms & Discovery Watersheds**  
Larry Barry and Dr. Andrew Sharpley, University of Arkansas Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences

**10:15 am: Water Quality and the Benefit of Ponds in the West Fork of the White River**  
Dr. Brian Haggard, AR Water Resources Center and Dr. Thad Scott, Baylor University

**10:45 am: Wrap Up and Q&A**

A locally produced video link will be shared for the Virtual Field Tour - Pond Optimization Project.

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