

BEAVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Our Mission The Alliance was formed in 2011 to proactively protect, maintain, and enhance the water quality of Beaver Lake and the integrity of its watershed.

July E-News



Welcome to our special Lakes Appreciation Month edition of the E-News. To help kick off this annual celebration of Lakes, Governor Hutchinson has again declared July as Lakes Appreciation Month in Arkansas for 2020! See his proclamation below. Lakes Appreciation Month, a program of the North American Lake Management Society, is designed to focus attention on the value and importance of lakes and reservoirs to society, and the threats those irreplaceable natural assets face. We have a variety of ways for you to appreciate lakes from your home and in the outdoors.

One of those virtual events also will get you out on your favorite body of water. It also is a great way to compete with your fellow Watershed stewards – the [Virtual Paddling Race](#)! Just do what you normally do, or if you want to win, maybe a bit more. Rack up as many hours as you can using the self-propelled watercraft of your choice on that favorite body of water, send in your time, and watch the leader board on our Facebook page. There will be weekly prizes and a grand prize awarded at the end of the month. Better get out there!

This month, the Alliance is venturing into the world of podcasts, with our inaugural ["We Are Water" Podcast](#) – a weekly look at Beaver Lake

Alliance Events

Sunday, July 12
Monte Ne Cleanup
Check-in for supplies:
11:00 am - 12:00 Noon
[RSVP to Nate](#)

Weekly Competition
Virtual Paddling Race
Submit time each Sunday
[Enter here](#)

Save the Date
Thursday, August 20
Speaker Series
12: 00 Noon - 1:00 pm

Watershed protection. It is available now through the link in this E-News, or wherever you get your podcasts. We also are highlighting one of the rising stars in source water protection, Dr. James McCarty, the Environmental Quality Engineer for the Beaver Water District, who also serves on the Alliance Board of Directors. See below to read all about his commitment to clean water and healthy watersheds.

Zoom Webinar
Details Coming Soon

**September
Annual Symposium**
Online Event
Details Coming Soon

More [Lakes Appreciation Month](#) activities are available on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#). Remember that all life needs water – let's not take it for granted! The importance of protecting these lakes and reservoirs for future generations is critical to our quality of life, communities, wildlife, and potential for future growth and economic development. Get outdoors when you can, but please stay safe doing it.

Events Calendar

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Clell Ford, Executive Director

July is Lakes Appreciation Month in Arkansas



Governor's Proclamation



Watch the Video

Board Member Spotlight Dr. James McCarty



Where are you from?

I've lived in a lot of places, Hawaii, Michigan, Connecticut, Texas, Mississippi, South Dakota, and Alaska. At this point though, after almost 15 years, I'd call Northwest Arkansas home.

What is your professional background?

I got my bachelor's in engineering from the UofA, then joined the Air Force where I served as an intelligence officer. After that, I did research at the university while getting my Masters. I've been at Beaver Water District for the last three and a half years and just wrapped up my Ph.D.

What was your motivation for joining The Alliance Board of Directors?

I represent one of the major funders of the organization. Plus, it's a really good group of people with an amazing mission.

How many years have you served on the board?

Just a year and a half at this point.

What's your favorite part about being involved with the board?

The power, just kidding. I really like the diversity of people, they challenge my views and help me think outside the box.

Your favorite water activity?

Fishing!

Where is your favorite lake/creek/river in the Beaver Lake watershed?

I have really enjoyed floating and fishing on the War Eagle.

What is your favorite Alliance-sponsored event or program?

I look forward to the Friendraiser every year. It's such a good time, and I get to see all my colleagues that work so hard at improving and maintaining the natural beauty of this area. It ends up being a great way to celebrate all that has been accomplished the previous year.

What do you see as the greatest challenge to improve water quality for the Beaver Lake watershed?

The greatest challenge at this point is definitely the change in rainfall patterns for the region. We have been getting larger rainfall events more frequently that have worked to destabilize streambanks, resulting in

sediment and nutrients loads delivered to the reservoir that were much higher than predicted. Now more than ever we need to capitalize on our success with the RCPP to implement another watershed level restoration project that will help to reduce sediment and nutrient loads to Beaver Lake.



We Are Water Podcast

We started a podcast! We have four episodes that will be published each Tuesday throughout July. What will we talk about? Lakes, of course! Click the button below to choose your favorite podcast platform and listen to the first episode.

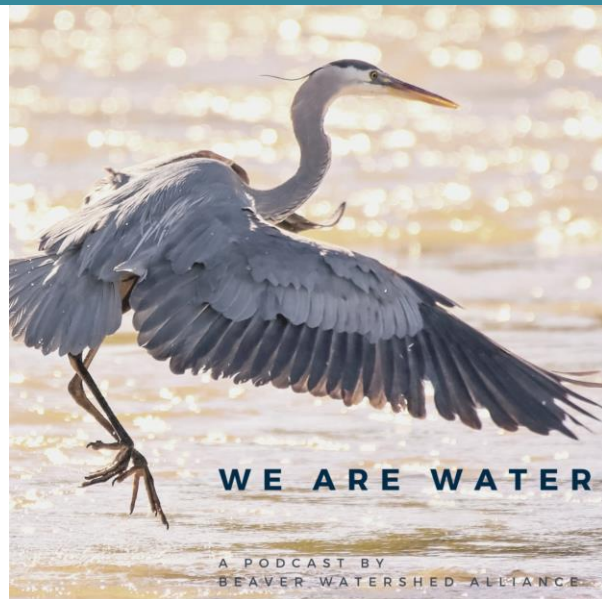
Episode 1: Watershed Conservation with Clell Ford

Episode 2: Arkansas Lakes with Reed Green

Episode 3: Recreation Around Beaver Lake with Flip Putthoff

Episode 4: Importance of Beaver Lake with James McCarty

[Listen Here!](#)



Virtual Paddling Race

Grab a canoe, kayak, SUP board, or a raft and enjoy the outdoors. Track your time spent paddling on the water. [Email Carrie](#) with your total paddling time for the week. Watch our Facebook page for the leader board! Submit hours by midnight each Sunday to enter the weekly competition and by midnight July 31 to enter for the grand prize!

Prizes: BWA swag - paddling dry bags, mini coolers, hats, and bandannas.



Family Projects

Thanks to the [Education Team](#) at Beaver Water District for sharing these great activities!

Crystal Formations

See the difference between salt and sugar crystals, and make rock candy!

Make & Compare Crystals

Water, The Universal Solvent

Water can dissolve more substances than any other liquid. Learn what makes the water molecule so unique.

Dissolve the "M" off an M&M



Virtual Wildflower Walk

Join Nate Weston with the Beaver Watershed Alliance and Ozark Chapter of the Arkansas Native Plant Society for a virtual native wildflower walk at Lake Atalanta, a hidden gem of biodiversity just outside of downtown Rogers!

You will see native ferns, wildflowers, remnant prairie plants, and some summer blooms.

Lake Atalanta Wildflowers



Monte Ne 'No Contact' Cleanup

Come to Monte Ne for a no contact volunteer cleanup event on Sunday, July 12. Check in between 11 am and noon for trash bags and gloves. Face masks are required for picking up supplies. The Alliance will have masks available. If you don't need equipment and want to skip the check-in, please RSVP.

[Contact Nate](#) for more details and to RSVP.



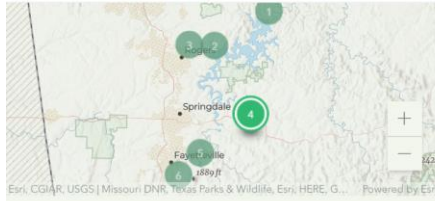
StoryMaps Lake Tour

Visit each lake in the Beaver Lake watershed on our StoryMaps tour. Learn the history of the lakes and find suggested recreation activities.

This page is also our home base for all Lakes Appreciation Month activities. Find all the details in one place.


[Learn Your Lakes](#)

ArcGIS StoryMaps



4 Hindsville Lake

Orval Faubus, who was the Huntsville postmaster and a state highway commissioner, wanted a small lake for fishing in his county. He brought the idea to AGFC in 1949 and was successful in selling the idea. The project cost \$22,000, with construction completed in March 1950. In



Lakes Appreciation Month is here!

You work and play on them. You drink from them. But do you really appreciate them? Just think, what would your life be like without lakes? We are planning some neat events throughout July – be sure to watch our [StoryMaps page](#), [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#) for all things lakes.

About Beaver Watershed Alliance

The Alliance represents a diverse stakeholder group from conservation, education, water utilities, technical and science, agriculture, recreation, business, and local government groups working together for the goal of clean water. Your financial contribution will help the Alliance fulfill our mission through outreach and education, voluntary best management practice implementation, and scientific investigation.

[Click Here To Donate](#)

Water for Life!

The value of your interest and involvement in the voluntary watershed protection effort for our regional water supply is priceless and appreciated! Read, like, and share this newsletter to help spread the good water quality word and to help get your friends and family involved. Together, we can make a difference!



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