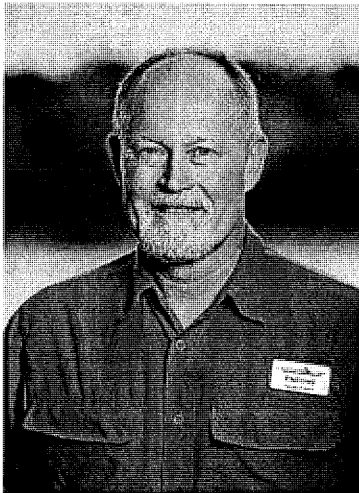


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Beaver Watershed Alliance June e-News



Meet our New Executive Director, Clell Ford

After an extensive search, the Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) Board of Directors selected Clell Ford as the new Executive Director of BWA. Ford began work on the BWA team on May 14, 2018.

Ford is responsible for overseeing the activities of BWA, managing grants for watershed protection and education, as well as identifying new opportunities for support of BWA's mission to maintain high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improve water quality in the Beaver Lake Watershed.

Prior to joining BWA, Ford spent a decade conducting water quality and sediment investigations on the Clinch River for the Environmental Sciences Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in eastern Tennessee near Knoxville. ORNL is the largest U.S. Department of Energy science and energy laboratory, conducting basic and applied research to deliver transformative solutions to compelling problems in energy and security.

After a job interruption, Ford and his family moved to Highlands County, Fla., where he invested 21 years as the Lakes Manager for the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. There, he worked to protect and improve the more than 100 lakes in the headwaters of the Lake Okeechobee watershed,

partnering with numerous local, regional, state and federal cooperative funding partners.

Ford has a B.A. in Biology from Hendrix College and a M.S. in Ecology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Throughout his career, he has focused on watersheds, investigations, restoration and protection, which have cemented his passion for environmental education, watershed research and protection.

"I'm very excited about joining Beaver Watershed Alliance and its excellent staff," he said. "I look forward to continuing this work in the Beaver Lake Watershed."

Ford is returning home. A Fayetteville native who grew up enjoying and engaging in all the outdoor activities the Ozarks have to offer, his love for protection of the environment, particularly lakes, began with swimming, waterskiing and fishing on Beaver Lake, canoeing on the Buffalo, and hiking in the Ozark mountains. Ford and his wife, Toni, have two grown daughters who travel the world.

War Eagle Appreciation Day

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Withrow Springs State Park - Keith Ham Pavilion
33424 AR-23 Spur, Huntsville, AR 72749 (5 miles north of Huntsville on Hwy 23)

Explore the War Eagle watershed through education, recreation and interactive activities!
10 am - 1 pm

Float 4 miles of the War Eagle River
9 am - 11:30 am

Enjoy live, local bluegrass with the Ozark Highballers
11 am - 1 pm

Music sponsored by the William Rufus Stephens Jr. Memorial Fund

FREE Lunch
11:30 am - 1 pm
or until food runs out

A FREE Family Friendly Event

Boat Reservations:
Pre-registrations required.
Sixth service & limited number of canoes and kayaks available. First come, first served.
Sixth service also available, please RSVP:
Call Beaver Watershed Alliance to reserve, 478-558-8007 or
info@beaverwatershedalliance.org

War Eagle Appreciation Day is made possible by these event partners:

Arkansas State Parks (Withrow Springs & Hobbs), Arkansas State Tourism, Arkansas Dept. of Health, Beaver Water District, Beaver Watershed Alliance, City of Huntsville, Coca-Cola, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Lewis & Clark, NWACU, Ozarks Water Watch, Park Rat, Patagonia, War Eagle Mill, Watershed Conservation Resource Center, Arkansas Canoe Club, Arkansas Master Naturalist

Don't forget your lawn chairs! For general information, call (478) 558-8503
www.arkansasstateparks.com/withrowsprings

Celebrate and discover the War Eagle River through education, recreation, music and community fun!

Saturday, June 2, come to Withrow Springs State Park, Huntsville, AR for an afternoon of family-friendly events.

Local organizations will have fun, interactive displays for kids and adults to learn all about water, ecosystems, wildlife, arts and more. Booths will be open 10 am to 1 pm.

Upcoming Events

June 2

War Eagle Appreciation Day

Withrow Springs State Park
Huntsville, AR
10 am - 1 pm

June 9

Kill the Kudzu

Tunnel Park
Winslow, AR
1 pm - 4 pm

June 13

Adopt A Hwy Cleanup

Hwy 412
Springdale, AR
10 am - 12 noon

SAVE THE DATE!

July 23-24

2018 AWRC Annual Water Research Conference

Fayetteville, AR

August 18

Secchi Day on Beaver Lake

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!