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## Creekwatchers Currents: September 2013

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Good afternoon, Creekwatchers! Just a reminder that I will be on vacation from October 13-October 20 but will be available by phone on October 20 in case of any in-the-field issues.

We're winding down the season, with two sampling periods left after today/tomorrow. That means our focus will soon be turning toward the end of season activities, including kit return and our Potluck Celebration. More about these items and other stuff below!

Happy Creekwatching!

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### MD Governor's Volunteer Award

The Maryland Governor's Volunteer Award ceremony will be held Monday, November 4 in Annapolis. The event will begin at 1:30 PM and all registrants must be at the site by 1:00 PM. Unfortunately, we only have one additional ticket available.

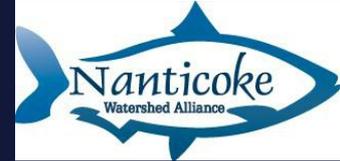
If you are interested in attending the ceremony, please let me know no later than October 11. I'll place all names on a numbered list and randomly select a number. I will notify you by October 12 if you have been selected and make sure you get registered.

Again, I'm really sorry about the limited attendance. I'd take all of you if I could.

### End of Season Potluck: November 8

We've almost made it through another season! Congratulations to all of you, and thank you thank you thank you! We hope you'll come celebrate with staff, other Creekwatchers, and guests on Friday, November 8. Social hour will begin at 5 PM, with official festivities kicking off at 6 PM.

As in the past, we'll provide the entrees but ask that attendees bring a side, dessert, appetizer, or drink. I am now accepting registrations for the event. Please let me know when you register if you'll be bringing



### Upcoming Events:

\*Sampling Period 15: October 6-7

\*Sampling Period 16: October 20-21

\*Sampling Period 17: November 3-4

\*MD Governor's Volunteer Award: November 4

\*Kit Returns: November 4-8

\*End of Season Potluck: November 8

any guests and what you plan to bring. (We do this to avoid having fifteen platters of mac and cheese, for example.)

The Potluck will take place at the Vienna United Methodist Church Hall at 206 S Church Street, which is a few blocks from our office (and where we held the training back in March). Please RSVP no later than November 7 so that we can provide enough vittles for everyone.

Lastly, I will be putting this year's evaluation form online sometime in the next few weeks. (Snail mailers will receive it in the mail.) Please complete it and return it to me. Your feedback is invaluable and helps us make improvements to the program.

## **Kit Returns**

End of Season also means kit returns! If you plan to attend the Potluck, kit return is simple: please bring the kit with you and turn it in that evening. If you cannot attend the Potluck, please plan on returning your kit the week of November 4-8. I'd be happy to meet you somewhere if you work during the day or if you just can't manage to get down to Vienna during the week.

Just a reminder that when returning your kit, return everything you received, minus disposables (old DO membranes, used Kim Wipes, etc.). You do not need to clean the kit or to do anything special. We'll be testing all of the equipment/repairing, cleaning, and winterizing everything in the weeks following season's end.

## **T-Shirt Sizes**

Okay. It does kind of kill the recognition gift of the year surprise, but it's better to get the right sizes for everyone.

We will be ordering men's and women's (not baby) tees, and I need to know what size you prefer. You can tell me either through [email](#), phone, or two-question [form](#).

Please let me know by this Thursday, October 10, so that I can put in our order before leaving for vacation.

*That's it for this month's Creekwatchers Currents. Thanks again for all of your hard work, and talk to you soon!*

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