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Coastal Cleanup, Supplies, and Meet the Monitor

Hello, Creekwatchers! Sampling Period 13 is coming up this Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20-21.

Just a note to please double-check your samples and the Chain of Custody form before leaving your drop-off site. Be sure to fill out all required fields on the CoC, and please make sure that the "Description" on the CoC matches your site code (not the site name), which should also be on your sample containers.

Thanks for your hard work, and Happy Creekwatching!

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Coastal Cleanup on Saturday

Sure, the likelihood of finding **another** slightly broken and rusty katana is slim, but you could find something marvelous and unexpected during a clean up. Join the Friends of the Nanticoke and the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance down at



Dates to Remember:

September 17: Coastal Cleanup in Delaware and Maryland; Nanticoke cleanup at Roaring Point at 9:00 AM

September 20-21: Sampling Period 13

September 24: [National Public Lands Day](#)

October 1: Acorn Collection Day at Trap Pond State Park

October 4-5: Sampling Period 14

Nanticoke Watershed Alliance
Nanticoke Inn
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beautiful Roaring Point
this Saturday, September
17. The cleanup begins at



9:30 AM, and participants will score free t-shirts and the possibility of finding the coolest piece of trash!

If Roaring Point is a bit too far of a drive, please check out some of the other clean up sites in [Delaware](#) and in [Maryland](#).

Hope to see y'all on Saturday!

Need Supplies?

We're racing toward the end of the season, and I've resupplied most folks with additional bottles and Whirlpaks. If you find yourself short on bottles, Whirlpaks, extra membranes, or other items, please let me know by calling or emailing. Although I'm trying to keep on top of data entry, there is always a gap between sampling periods and when I read the comments on the datasheets.

If you run short of data sheets, you can find extras at the bottom of the bin.

Meet the Monitor: Fred Sponseller



Fred Sponseller usually works with partner-in-crime, Ric Johansen. Alas, Ric was not available for my visit, but Fred's mentee, Kane, was along for the last time in 2011 and enjoying his last days of

summer break.

Fred and Ric (and Kane during the summer) sample at two sites on Broad Creek--Phillips Landing and Bethel Dock.

How long have you been a Creekwatcher?

Since the beginning. At first, I Creekwatched with Bob (Kijewski) and Dick Biron (former Creekwatcher) at Phillips Landing, Bethel Dock, and Laurel Dock. The year after, I had two sites. This is Ric's second year.

What's an interesting thing about your sites?

Phillips Landing has a new bulkhead. There are lots of people during the fishing tournament, and you can watch people training dogs sometimes.

Where's your favorite place in the Nanticoke watershed?

Phillips Landing. I don't have a boat, and it's a very accessible site.



What's your favorite Nanticoke-related activity?

Kane: Fishing on Broad Creek and just spending time on the water.

Fred: The Friday night specials at Bethel Market. They're usually fried and \$5-6.

What should visitors to the Nanticoke watershed do, and where should they go to get the most out of their visit?

Phillips Landing and the marker for the John Smith Trail. It's a great entryway because it's close to where Broad Creek meets the Nanticoke. It's also neat to take the creek up to Laurel. There's nothing but trees, and all of a sudden, you're in town.



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