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Creekwatcher Currents 2012: Leap Day Edition!

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Annual Creekwatchers Training and Kick-off!

Happy Leap Day, Creekwatchers! Spring is in the air, and we're gearing up for the fifth full season of the fabulous Creekwatchers program. We hope you're as excited as we are!



Due to changes this year and feedback I received last season, I'd like for all Creekwatchers to attend one of our training sessions this year. We'll be hosting our main training and season kick-off on Saturday, March 24 at our Vienna office.

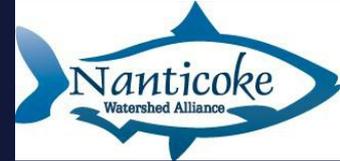
The training will begin at 10:00 AM. We invite you to arrive and check-in any time after 9:30 AM. After the morning's classroom sessions, we'll break for lunch, then get hands-on with equipment in the afternoon. (While we'll have snacks and drinks, please bring your own brown-bag lunch or plan to buy something at Millie's.) Training should end no later than 3:00 PM.

Great news--Lisa Baird will be returning to the Alliance and will be assisting with the Creekwatchers training. She will also be a resource throughout the year.

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 21. If you cannot attend the training, we'll need to work out an alternate training date and kit hand-off.

Best,

Beth Wasden
Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator



Upcoming Events:

*LSSI Sessions: March 7-
March 31

* Annual Creekwatcher
Training and Season Kick-off!
March 24

Nanticoke Watershed Alliance
office

113 Old Ocean Gateway
(across the street from Millie's)
Vienna, Maryland 21869

*Sampling Period 1: April 1 & 2

As many of you know, Envirocorp Labs Inc. of Harrington, Delaware, annually provide us with more than \$50,000 of free lab work. They will continue to do so in 2012.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays worked well for them (and for us) in the past. This is no longer the case, as lab volume is heaviest on these days. Accordingly,

we'll be shifting our sampling periods to Sunday afternoons and evenings and Monday mornings before noon. Sample drop-offs will only occur on Monday mornings. We hope this won't affect anyone's ability to Creekwatch. If you can no longer participate because of these changes, please let me know as soon as possible.

Drop-off locations will largely remain the same, although we'll be eliminating the Secretary drop-off and instating one at our office in Vienna. We hope this will make travel easier for those of you with nearby sampling sites and will allow us to see some of you more often!

Lower Shore Stewardship Institute

The Nanticoke Watershed Alliance is still recruiting for the first Lower Shore Stewardship Institute class. Throughout March (on Wednesday evenings and on Saturdays), the NWA and our partners will be offering expert-led classes on a number of conservation topics--from water quality to the history of agriculture on the Delmarva Peninsula. You can read more about our program at

<http://nanticokeriver.org/volunteer/lssi/>



You can participate in both the LSSI and the Creekwatchers program, although you'll need to attend an alternate training. Please contact me as soon as possible if you're interested in the program!

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