



Workshop Notices!



June 1, 2011

Dear STREAM TEAM and Volunteer Water Quality Monitors:

Enclosed is the 2010 Level 2 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Workshop Summer Schedule. In order to be eligible to attend you must have completed an Introductory and Level 1 workshop, submitted stream discharge data where possible, water chemistry and invertebrate data. The focus of these workshops will be Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures to improve the quality of volunteer data.

The entire workshop will be held indoors. The morning will be spent analyzing water samples using the chemical equipment you were issued after your Level 1 class, **SO BE SURE TO BRING ALL YOUR CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT** (and ensure your pH meter is properly hydrated just before you attend). The afternoon will be spent improving your aquatic invertebrate identification skills. A short evaluation will follow to help establish baseline information on the accuracy of volunteer biological data.

Location	Registration Deadline	Workshop Date
Jefferson City: MDC Central Office	July 1	July 16

Need a refresher course? For those volunteers who have already attended one or more of our monitoring courses and would like a refresher, please feel free to register for any of the courses listed above. Alumni are always welcome.

To register, fill out and return the attached form, OR for on-line registration, visit the Stream Team webpage (<http://www.mostreamteam.org>) and click on the "Water Quality Monitoring" link. At the bottom of the Water Quality Monitoring Page is the link to the Level 2 Workshops. You will be sent a confirmation letter and map and/or driving directions to the workshop location sometime after the registration deadline date. Class size will be limited to 24 people per workshop and is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a sponsoring adult in order to attend.**

For more information on registration, contact Susan Higgins, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 573/526-1002 or 800/781-1989 (Stream Team voice mail).

Attention to all VWQM that are collecting Ammonia data (NH₃):

Ammonia Kit Recall! If you are using the Hach-Model NI-8 test kit or any other ammonia kit that requires Nessler's reagent please let us know. Why the recall? Nessler's reagent contains mercury. Minimizing mercury releases from all sources is important. Methyl mercury contaminates the food chain and builds up in the tissue of fish and wildlife and humans that eat contaminated fish. Replacement kits are ready to be mailed to volunteers as we receive the recalled kits. To make arrangements to receive a new kit and send in your old kit, contact Susan Higgins. You can leave a message on the Stream Team voice mail, 1-800-781-1989 or call direct - 573/526-3406.

Announcing!
2011 Level 2
Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring
Workshop Schedule

Workshop Location	Registration Deadline	Date & Time of Workshop
Jefferson City: Missouri Department of Conservation 2901 W. Truman Blvd.	Friday, July 1	Saturday, July 16 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Registration Form **MUST** be returned by the deadline to be registered. You can register for the workshop on the Stream Team Web Page (www.mostreamteam.org).
- Attendance will be limited to 30 people per workshop.
- Bring all of your chemical monitoring equipment and any invertebrate specimens you would like assistance in identifying
- **Please bring a sack lunch.** Lunch will **not** be provided.
- **If you have other questions about the workshop, call Susan Higgins at 573/526-1002.**
- Registration confirmation (along with a map to the workshop location) will be mailed to registrants one week prior to the workshop.

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