



Workshop Notice!



May 16, 2017

Dear Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitors,

Enclosed is the 2017 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Validation Training Schedule.

Data submitted by Level 2 and above Volunteer Water Quality Monitors are utilized at a higher level and are often used to supplement agency data. To ensure we are providing the highest quality data to the sponsoring agencies and all other data users, the Program requires individuals to have their equipment checked at least once every three years in order to maintain quality assurance and confidence in data collected by Level 2 and above volunteers.

Monitors can attend either a Level 2 training or a VWQM Validation Training. This training is critical to ensure that the volunteers' equipment is functioning properly and their reagents are viable.

In order to be eligible to attend, you must have previously completed at least a Level 2 workshop. 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. We will spend time analyzing water samples using the chemical equipment you were issued, so bring all monitoring equipment (*including colorimeters, kick net, and ensure your pH meter is properly hydrated just before you attend*). Also bring any expired reagents for replacement and proper disposal. We will spend time improving your macroinvertebrate identification skills followed by a short evaluation to help establish baseline information on the accuracy of volunteer biological data.

To register:

Complete the online registration form at mostreamteam.org or fill out and return the attached form.

You will receive a confirmation letter and directions after the registration deadline date. Class size will be limited to 15 people per workshop and is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Individuals under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a sponsoring adult to attend.*

For more information about registration:

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2017 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Validation Workshop Schedule

WORKSHOP LOCATION	DATE & TIME
Kirkwood: Powder Valley Nature Center 11715 Cragwold Road	Thursday, July 6 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. <i>Register by Monday, June 26</i>
Blue Springs: MDC Burr Oak Woods Nature Center 1401 NW Park Road	Thursday, July 13 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. <i>Register by Monday, July 3</i>
Springfield: MDC Southwest Regional Office 2630 N Mayfair Avenue	Tuesday, July 18 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. <i>Register by Monday, July 10</i>
Sullivan: Meramec State Park Visitors Center 115 Meramec Park Drive	Saturday, July 22 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. <i>Register by Monday, July 10</i>
Jefferson City: DNR ESP Lab 2710 W Main Street	Thursday, July 27 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. <i>Register by Monday, July 17</i>

- Registration Form must be returned by the deadline to be registered. You can register for the workshop on the Stream Team website at mostreamteam.org.
- Attendance will be limited to 15 people per workshop.
- Bring all chemical monitoring equipment and any invertebrate specimens you would like assistance in identifying.
- Registration confirmation and directions to the workshop will be mailed to registrants prior to the workshop.

For questions about the workshop, call the Stream Team voicemail at 800-781-1989.

The Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program makes every effort to provide ADA accessible programs, however some aspects of this activity may not be suitable for those with certain disabilities. People with disabilities requiring special services or accommodations to attend the training can make arrangements by calling 573-751-5723 or by writing two weeks in advance of the training to: Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, PO Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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