



Workshop Notices!



December 1, 2016

Dear Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitors:

Enclosed is the 2017 Level 2 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Workshop Schedule. In order to be eligible to attend, you must have completed the Introductory and Level 1 workshops, as well as submitted water chemistry, visual survey, macroinvertebrate, and stream discharge data for two seasons. The focus of these workshops will be Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures to improve the quality of the 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 (including colorimeters if you have them)
- Ensure your pH meter is properly hydrated just before you attend
- Bring any expired reagents or chemical waste for replacement and proper disposal

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
Rolla: Phelps County Courthouse	<i>December 28</i>	January 7
Kirkwood: MDC Powder Valley Nature Center	<i>January 11</i>	January 21
Springfield: MDC Southwest Regional Office	<i>January 18</i>	January 28
Lee's Summit: DNR KC Regional Office	<i>January 25</i>	February 4
Jefferson City: MDC Headquarters	<i>February 15</i>	February 25

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" tab. 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 15 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 Karen Westin, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 573/526-7838 or 800/781-1989 (Stream Team voice mail).

Level 2 Validation: Data submitted by Level 2 and 3 Stream Team Volunteers 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 is now requiring 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 Level 3 volunteers.

Current Level 2 or 3 volunteers can either attend one of our regularly scheduled Level 2 trainings, or one of the Level 2 Validation Trainings. Stay tuned for the Summer 2017 Validation Training schedule. This training is critical to ensure that the volunteers' equipment is functioning properly and their reagents are viable.

Announcing!
2017 VWQM Level 2
Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring
Workshop Schedule

Workshop Location	Date & Time of Workshop
Rolla: Phelps County Courthouse 209 N Main Street	Saturday, January 7 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Register by Wednesday, December 28</i>
Kirkwood: MDC Powder Valley Nature Center 11715 Cragwold Road	Saturday, January 21 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Register by Wednesday, January 11</i>
Springfield: MDC Southwest Regional Office 2630 N Mayfair	Saturday, January 28 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Register by Wednesday, January 18</i>
Lee's Summit: DNR KC Regional Office 500 NE Colbern Road	Saturday, February 4 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Register by Wednesday, January 25</i>
Jefferson City: Conservation Headquarters 2901 W Truman Boulevard	Saturday, February 25 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Register by Wednesday, February 15</i>

- Registration **MUST** be completed by the deadline by either returning the enclosed Registration form, or registering for the workshop on the Stream Team Web site (www.mostreamteam.org).
- Workshops may be cancelled due to low registration.
- Attendance will be limited to 15 people per workshop.
- Bring all of your chemical monitoring equipment and any invertebrate specimens you would like assistance in identifying
- **If you have other questions about the workshop, call the Stream Team 800# (800/781-1989)**
- Registration confirmation (along with a map to the workshop location) will be mailed to registrants prior to the workshop.
- *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 us at (573) 751-5723 or by writing two weeks in advance of the training to: Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.*

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