



Berks Water Week

Because Clean Water Matters

Aug. 3rd – Aug. 10th, 2019

Sat., Aug. 3rd, 10 AM “Knee Deep in the Creek” with Berks County Parks and Recreation, Berks County Heritage Center, 1102 Red Bridge Rd., Reading, PA 19605. Find out what interesting critters live in the Tulpehocken Creek. For families with children 3+ years old. Wear water shoes or old sneakers--must be closed-toe. Free. Registration required. Contact Jennifer Brooks at 484-509-2667 or jbrooks@countyofberks.com.

Sat., Aug. 3rd, 9 AM-10 PM, Bernville Community Day, Umbenhauer Park, Umbenhauer Drive, Bernville, PA 19506. Featuring food, music, auction, books, water balloon battles, and educational displays, including water association displays. www.bernvilleborough.org

Sun., Aug. 4th, 2-3 PM, Citizen Science in the Angelica Creek Watershed, Nolde Forest State Park, McConnell Hall, 2910 New Holland Rd., Reading, PA 19607. Join Penn State Extension/Berks Master Watershed Stewards to learn about water data collection in Punches Run and Angelica Creek. Learn about the process of testing in our local watersheds and what the findings can tell us. Free. Register at events.dcnr.pa.gov. Part of the Nolde Forest open house from 1-4 PM.

Sun., Aug. 4th, 11 AM – 2 PM - Wonderful World of Water Day at the Reading Public Museum and Planetarium, 500 Museum Rd., W. Reading, PA 19611, 610-371-5850. Water is one of the earth’s most precious resources. Hands-on activities will take place in the Stone Terrace tent and are provided through the

generosity of the National Informal STEM Education Network. Activities in the tent are free. Learn more about water in our universe during the 1PM and 2 PM public star shows in the Neag Planetarium. The 1PM star show “Dynamic Earth” explores the inner workings of Earth’s great life support system: the global climate. The 2 PM star show “Oasis in Space” transports the audience on a startling and beautiful voyage through our universe, galaxy and solar system in search of liquid water, a key ingredient of life on earth. Regular planetarium admission applies.

Sun., Aug. 4th, 6-8 PM, SUP Float & Concert Series, Grings Mill Recreation Area, 2083 Tulpehocken Rd., Reading, PA 19610. Enjoy a concert in the park while on the water, paddling around the Tully or anchor and float while listening to “Rick K & the Allnighters”. Event includes 5-minute demo of basic SUP instruction, one hour of paddling next to the amphitheater. Board, paddle and life vest provided by Aqua OM Paddle. No rain date. Spaces limited. Beginners welcomed. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. Paid event. Register at 610-372-8939, www.countyofberks.com/parks or on Facebook - Berks County Parks and Rec

Mon., Aug. 5th-Fri., Aug. 9th, 8 AM-5 PM Eco-Camp at Berks Nature: Our Wacky Watersheds. Campers will learn the importance of water to our daily lives, as well as what a watershed is and which ones we live in through interactive games and activities. Campers will track the water and how it flows through Berks Nature’s wetlands during the week and visit Western Berks Water Authority and Blue Marsh Lake. Contact Berks Nature for details at 610-372-2917 or info@berksnature.org.

Mon., Aug. 5th-Thurs., Aug. 8th, 9:30-11 AM “Toddler Time on the Trail” camp for one- to five-year-old with an adult, Rock Hollow Woods Environmental Learning Center, 615 Rock Hollow Rd., Birdsboro, PA 19508. Phone 610-582-0415. Participants will take a short hike in the great outdoors, observing signs of summer: creek critters, caterpillars and butterflies, turtles and birds. Free play each day. Other activities may include listening to a story, singing a song or completing a craft. Toddlers receive a free Rock Hollow Woods t-shirt the first day of camp. Fee applies. Please register. www.rockhollowwoods.org/

Tues., Aug. 6th, 4:30-6 PM - Berks Master Watershed Steward picnic, Nolde Forest State Park, 2910 New Holland Rd., Reading, PA 19607. The public is invited to meet and picnic with the Master Watershed Stewards (BYO food, please).

Tues., Aug. 6th, 6-8 PM – Drum Circle with Earth Rhythms and the Master Watershed Stewards, Nolde Forest State Park, 2910 New Holland Rd., Reading, PA 19607. The public is invited to join us for a drum circle in the forest! Drums and instruction will be provided. Free event, courtesy of Wolf Run Landscapes and Mark Priebe.

Tues., Aug. 6th, 5-7 PM – Stand-Up Beginner Paddle Yoga, Blue Marsh Lake, Church Rd. parking area. Learn how to paddle-board in a free ½ hour session. Board, paddle and life vest provided by Aqua Om Paddle. Yoga is \$20/person. Register by Aug. 2 at www.AOPaddle.com or 484-854-1271.

Wed., Aug. 7th, 1 PM-3 PM, “Creek Critters and Chemistry at Punches Run”. Join the Penn State Extension/Berks Master Watershed Stewards and Nolde staff as we perform water quality testing at Punches Run, which daylights from the groundwater in Nolde Forest. Learn about chemical water testing and macroinvertebrate collection as health indicators of streams. Program will start at McConnell Hall, followed by a ½ mile hike to the stream. Dress for hiking and bring any drinks/snacks required. **Registration required.**
https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/event/creek-critters-and-chemistry-at-punches-run#.XTX_ZehKi70

Wed., Aug. 7th, 11 AM and 2 PM, Water-Powered Sawmill Demonstrations, Daniel Boone Homestead, 400 Daniel Boone Rd., Birdsboro, PA 19508. 610-582-4900. Vertical-blade Bertolet sawmill, built in Oley and moved to Daniel Boone. Regular admission fees apply. www.danielboonehomestead.org

Thurs., Aug. 8th, 9:30 AM, Angelica Creek Watershed Association field trip to Nolde Forest, 2910 New Holland Rd., Reading, PA 19607. Meet in the parking area between the mansion and McConnell Hall, dressed for a ½ mile hike to Punches Run. Bring drinks/snacks. Leader: Jill Kemp, angelicacreekwa@gmail.com
<http://www.berksnature.org/angelica-creek-watershed-association>

Thurs., Aug. 8th, 10 AM-noon, Robesonia Library-Stream study with story book time for kids at the Furnace Creek/Robesonia Furnace bridge. Contact the Robesonia Community Library for more information: 75 S. Brooke St., Robesonia, PA 19551, 610-693-3264. robsoniakids@berks.lib.pa.us

Thurs., Aug. 8th, 6-7 PM, “Adventures with Macroinvertebrates in their Environment” with Spring Township and the Penn State Extension/Berks Master Watershed Stewards, Cacoosing Creek Park, 2399 Reedy Rd., Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Come out to learn about macroinvertebrates and how to help protect them in this interactive and fun environmental science program. Come prepared to get into the creek with the Master Watershed Stewards. Free program. Please **register** for this event by calling Spring Township at 610-678-5399, weekdays 8-5. www.springtwpberks.org

Sat., Aug. 10th, 10 AM-2:30 PM, “Chalk Art in the Park”, Stonecliffe Recreation Area, 1200 Monroe St., Reading, PA 19601. Berks County Parks & Recreation. Drop in and draw on the paths along the Tulpehocken Creek. Bring your artistic flair! Chalk, which is a limestone deposit created by plankton in the ocean, will be provided. Master Watershed Stewards will be on hand to draw the Berks County watersheds and talk about them.