



Annual General Meeting

Date: June 13, 2024, 1 - 4:30 pm

Location: Mirror Lake Center (lower level), 5415 49 Ave, Camrose, AB T4V 0N6

All BRWA members and general public are welcome to attend the AGM. Meeting materials will be circulated to members before the event and will be available on our website. The AGM will include a business meeting, OTIS award presentation, state of the watershed overview and one more presentation to be announced.

AGM Updates



State of the Watershed Survey - Deadline for your feedback is May 10th

Your voice matters in shaping our approach to reporting on watershed health. Share your priorities, highlight gaps, and share how you take action to improve health in the watershed. Please complete the survey.

Health in the Watershed Survey

Workshops & Events



AWES Student Workshop and tree planting with Mike Steeves

Date: May 22 & 23

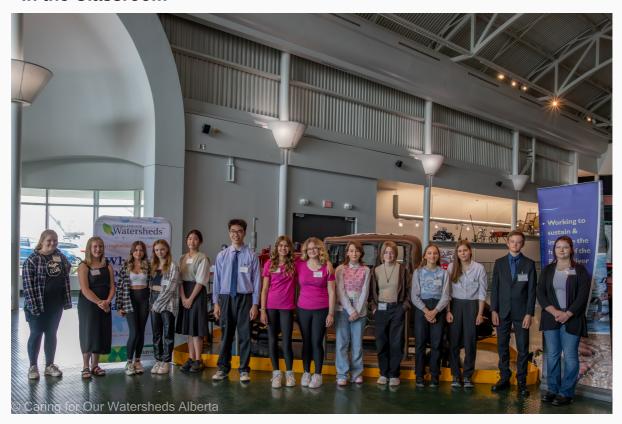
Location: Pleasure Island Fish Pond, Range Rd 195,

Ohaton, AB T0B 3P0 **Time**: 12:00-2:40pm

About the Workshop: The Alberta Woodlot and Extension Society (AWES) is hosting a tree planting event near Camrose. They will be planting a variety of native tree and shrub species in an effort to foster environmental enthusiasm in students, teaching proper tree-planting techniques, and enhancing the beauty of the area for all users.

For other stewardship events, see below.

In the Classroom



Caring for Our Watersheds Alberta Finals

Join us at the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin, Alberta on Friday May 10, 1:30-4:00 pm to watch the event and wish all the finalists good luck! This contest features ten finalists from schools from Lloydminster, Edmonton, Bonnyville, Calgary, and Leduc.

Youth Education Program Bookings for Fall 2024

BRWA is offering four science-based programs this fall for grades 4 to 12. Each program aligns with curriculum goals and is delivered as a fieldtrip guided by BRWA staff. Programs are free of charge to schools. A group of homeschool educators may also be eligible for these programs.

Waste in Our Watershed Tour: Wetaskiwin or Camrose (Gr. 4) | Discover Your Wetlands (Gr. 5) | Habitat Tour at Big Knife Provincial Park (Gr. 6) | X-Stream Science (Gr. 7-12)

About the Youth Programs | Request a Program

Water Matters



BRWA attended the Viking Raw Water Open House on April 26th, where they showcased their brand-new raw water pump. This pump will be used to facilitate the movement of water for large agricultural water draws, alleviating drought pressures. For more information, you can visit the <u>Town of Viking website</u>.



Drought Update: The Government of Alberta has released an *Agricultural Moisture Situation Update April 25, 2024*, indicating below-average moisture in agricultural areas, with some exceptions in the Southern Alberta Region. Overall, it is indicated that precipitation in any form is very much needed, with hopes for it to come in the upcoming wet season. <u>Soil Moisture Report</u>.

The Alliance

Introducing BRWA Summer Staff



Belle is returning to the BRWA for a second summer. She grew up in the Battle River watershed in the small town of Hay Lakes, where she spent a lot of her time hiking, paddling and camping in the area. She is a current U of A, Augustana student who just completed her third year as a Environmental Science major. She has a love for the outdoors and is part of the Augustana Wildlife Society where she has participated in outdoor activities like owl banding and beaver surveys. When she's not outside looking at cool plants and wildlife, she likes to spend her time reading and hanging out with her pet hedgehog and dogs.



in Edmonton with an Environmental Studies degree with a concentration in History. She previously worked as a leader for her university's environmental studies club and volunteered with organizations such as the Edmonton and Area Land Trust. Kiara grew passionate about watershed health and environmental education during her time at university and previous work experiences. She grew up on an acreage near Gull Lake, AB where she spent much of her time outdoors. Her hobbies include: reading, biking, kayaking, and spending time with friends and family.

In Other News

- Frozen water and dry conditions a concern for central Alberta firefighting department
- Drought puts Alberta farmers at risk of another scourge of grasshoppers

*Many of the articles we feature have been shared through the <u>Alberta Water Portal Society</u>. If you are interested in water-related issues in Alberta, we encourage you to subscribe.

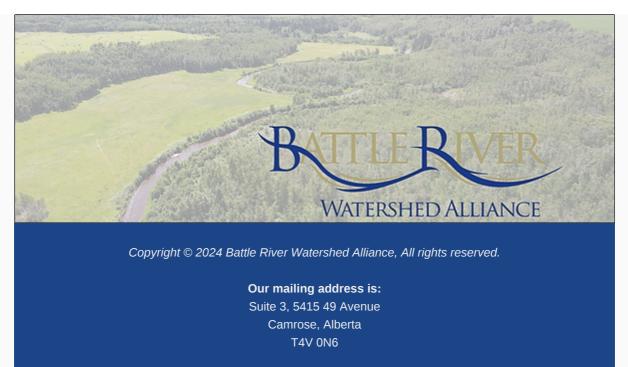
Partner Events

- Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society berry bush planting workshop on May 25, 2024 at Ellis Nature Reserve
- Global Foundation tree planting to begin Sunday on June 2, 2024 at its Beaver County headquarters

Riparian Restoration and Conservation Funding Available!

Contact BRWA about funding for riparian projects, including riparian fencing, installation of livestock watering systems, native vegetation planting, and more.

Program Guidelines | Application Form



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