



Caring for our Watersheds Alberta Contest Winners

BRWA was excited to host the Caring for our Watersheds contest finals at the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin on May 10th. This year 598 students contributed to project proposals for the contest addressing the question, "What can you do to improve your watershed?" Twenty two students, representing the top ten submissions, were invited to finals to present their proposals. We want to send a heartfelt congratulations to all of the students whose hard work got them to the finals! We are continually inspired by the next generation's creativity and care for the environment. The top three winners:

- Sadey, Bishop Lloyd Middle School, Lloydminster - Amisk (the beaver) and the care of the watershed, a program for children
- Alanna & Psalm, Trinity Christian School, Calgary - A watershed-themed children's book
- Abby, Cardston Junior High School, Cardston - Reduction of water pollution through the implementation of a rain garden

Special thanks to the judges for their efforts to encourage and support the students and to the program sponsor, Nutrien.

Annual General Meeting Reminder

Date: June 13, 2024

Stewardship Group Expo & State of the Watershed Data Walk: 12:30-1pm

AGM Time: 1:05-4:30pm

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

Join us for the stewardship expo, business meeting, stewardship awards, and presentations.

Presenters:

- State of the Watershed and Community Engagement Report, Sarah Skinner, BRWA
- Battle River Carbon Hub: Project Overview, Christine Waiand, Heartland Generation

[Register](#)

Workshops & Events



Alberta, Metis Fest 2024

Date: June 21st - 22nd

Location: Metis Crossing, Smoky Lake

About the Event: Two thrilling days filled with Métis culture and celebration including music performances Métis Jamboree and Living Fiddling Legends, Jigging Competitions, Artisan Market, and more!

[Learn more...](#)

JOIN US FOR A TREE PLANTING EVENT!

When: June 22 @ 10:00am
Where: Southwest corner of Camrose Drive (see map)



Who can participate:
Everyone is welcome! There is no prior experience needed.
Please bring a shovel or a spade.

Please email us at camrosegac@gmail.com to let us know if you can make it so we can plan effectively.
We hope to see you there!



Camrose Green Action Committee - Community Tree Planting Event

Date: June 22

Time: 10:00 to Noon

Location: Berm between Enevold Drive and the SW corner of Camrose Drive

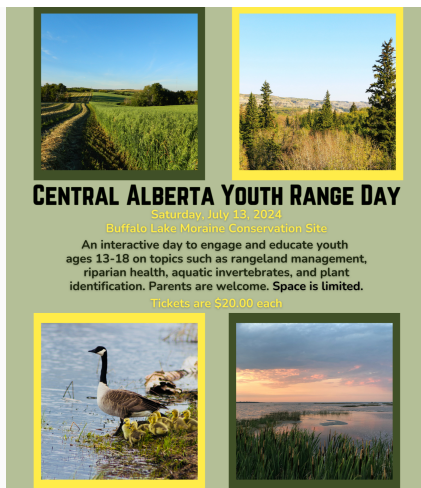
About the Event: Volunteers needed to plant approximately 1000 small poplar trees and native wildflowers, please contact:

camrosegac@gmail.com

Central Alberta Youth Range Days

Date: July 13

Location: Buffalo Lake Moraine Conservation Site



About the Event: Tickets are \$20 each and topics include riparian health, rangeland management, plant identification and aquatic invertebrates. Parents are welcome. Register before June 28 - space is limited! Contact County of Stettler at: info@stettlercounty.ca



BRWA Important Bird Area - Monitoring

Date: July 17

Location: Dilberry Lake Provincial Park

Start Time: 10:00 am

About the Event: BRWA staff will be at the Dilberry campground to conduct a bird count. We welcome the public to join us for a day of monitoring different bird species! We will have binoculars for the volunteers. Please email stewardship@battleriverwatershed.ca



Paddle the Battle

Date: July 18

Location: Riverdale Mini Park (meeting place)

Start Time: 10:00 am

About the Event: BRWA staff are planning to paddle the Battle River in the Riverdale region. Exact location to be determined depending on water levels. It's a bring your own boat, safety gear, and provisions outing. Anyone wishing to join, please email stewardship@battleriverwatershed.ca



Watershed Festival

Save the Date!

Date: July 27

Location: Camrose and District Fish and Game Pleasure Island Pond

Time: 11:00 to 3:30

About the Event: BRWA's Watershed Festival is a day where the public can come and enjoy activities, such as pond dipping, games, crafts, guided hikes, and a watershed expo.

For more BRWA events check out our [events page](#) regularly through out the summer!

In the Classroom

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. There is no charge for the programs and busing costs for schools may be covered. Groups of homeschool students are also 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



Water Shortage Management Advisories - Update

There are water shortage management advisories across the Battle River Basin including Iron creek, Lower, Middle and Upper Battler River, Ribstone Creek, and the Pigeon Lake/Battle Lake area. In Sounding Creek Watershed, the water shortage advisories have been lifted. To track advisories and water flow levels, check out [AB Rivers](#).

The Government of Alberta released a multi-stage drought response plan on May 2nd. It provides an overview of the current situation in Alberta along with predictions of future drought risk. In addition, Bill 21, the Emergency Statutes Amendment Act introduced May 9th, amends three acts to give provincial government's authority and ability to respond to emergencies like wildfires, floods or drought.

[Alberta Drought Response Plan](#)

In Other News

- [Waterton Lakes National Park Non-motorized Watercraft Regulations to Combat Invasive Species](#)
- [Parks Bans of Watercrafts in Manitoba Clear Lake to Combat Zebra Muscles in 2024](#)
- [GOA's Drought and Flood Protection Program is accepting applications for projects that will help communities protect critical infrastructure from drought and flooding. Deadline for application is June 6.](#)

*Many of the articles we feature have been shared through the [Alberta Water Portal Society](#). If you are interested in water-related issues in Alberta, we encourage you to subscribe.

Partner Events

- [Alberta Citizen Science Community of Practice: Drought and Water Levels Work Shop on June 20th](#)
- [Ellis Nature Center Pollinator Walk & Talk on June 23rd](#)

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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