



KINGS RIVER
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



*"Protecting the health, purity,
and economic viability of the
Kings River Watershed, now
and for future generations."*

Stream Line

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New Partners Ensure Water Testing Will Go On

KRWP Board members voted recently to seek sponsors willing to support resumption of water quality testing, with the goal of securing funding to cover the cost of testing chemicals and laboratory fees for one year. Thanks to Tyson Foods, Kerusso, Inc., First National Bank of Berryville, Shumaker Farms, Worley Tire, Walter Wheaton, and Kimes Auto, enough was raised to support this program for 1.5 years! Water testing

makes it possible to pinpoint where and when changes in the health of the river occur. Volunteers take samples which are carried to a testing facility in Fayetteville for analysis. Data generated is recorded to create an accurate picture of how the river is doing over time. We are grateful to the businesses that recognized the value of this program. These new partners will be recognized at our annual meeting.

Mill Branch Project Nears Completion

An attractive series of stone weirs and pools has replaced an eroding stretch of Mill Branch that drains almost half the run-off within the city. The Mill Branch project was funded by a grant from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, and accomplished by KRWP, along with the city of Berryville, The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and with a major contribution of materials, equipment and labor provided by Jimmy Jones Excavation. The project also serves as a demonstration of how landowners can slow

erosion and protect their property from damaging run-off. All that remains is the addition of landscaping plants and grasses to further protect the watershed during heavy rainfall. We hope to host a celebration at the site later this spring.



Upcoming Events:

Annual Meeting
March 22, 2011
Berryville
Community Center
7:00 PM

River Cleanups
Madison County
April 16th
Carroll County
June 4th

Mill Branch
Celebration in
April

WOW! Win This Kayak!



Someone will win this 9.5 Perception Tribe sit-on-top kayak in a raffle made possible by Ozark Mountain Trading Co. Proceeds will benefit KRWP. Tickets are \$3 each, or 4 for \$10. See the kayak and purchase tickets at Eye-Q Optical in the Williams Shopping Center. Tickets are also sold at Mane Street Salon, in Green Forest. The drawing will take place in June.

2011 Spring River Cleanup Dates Announced

This year the Madison County river clean up will take place Saturday, April 16. Participants need to be at Rockhouse Landing at 8am sharp. Bring your own boat, dress for the weather, pack a lunch and expect a full day on the river. The Carroll County clean up is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th, starting at Kings River Rapids by the Grandview

bridge. Be there at 8am sharp ready for a full day. Bring your own boat and lunch, but plan on staying for the cook-out, drawings and door prizes afterwards, along with bluegrass music. This year camping will also be available, compliments of Kings River Rapids. For more information or directions, email Ray Warren at RayandKarenWarren@gmail.com or call his cell: 870 654-4134.



Life is Good in the Ozarks



Doing Good and Having Fun Doing It!

Volunteers turned out in large numbers last year, enabling us to clean 38 river miles total. The Madison County Recycling Center and Carroll County Solid Waste Authority accept all the trash and tires collected in the clean up drives in their respective counties free of charge. We could not do it without them.

Come Celebrate the Changes in Mill Branch!

KRWP invites you to join us Saturday, April ___ from __ to __? to learn how and why the weirs and pools were added to this urban stream, and find how you can apply similar techniques to erosion prone areas of your property. This successful project is keeping sediment from flowing into Osage Creek, which then empties into the Kings River just west of the Hwy 62 bridge.

We hope to have representatives from the city on hand, as well as a display of life forms you can expect to see in a healthy, stable stream. Stay tuned for more details.

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Get Involved!

- Attend the Annual Meeting
- Volunteer as a Water Tester
- Help Clean Up a River
- Come Celebrate Mill Branch