



# Workshop Notices!

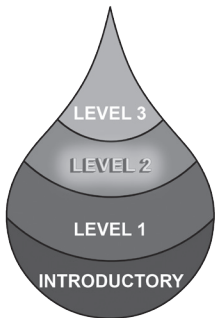


December 1, 2013

Dear STREAM TEAM and Volunteer Water Quality Monitors:

**Enclosed is the 2014 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, submitted stream discharge data where possible, as well as water chemistry and invertebrate 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** (and ensure your pH meter is properly hydrated just before you attend). If you have any expired reagents or chemical waste, bring it as well 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
Sedalia: MDC Fairgrounds Building	<i>January 2</i>	<b>January 11</b>
Kirkwood: MDC Powder Valley Nature Center	<i>January 8</i>	<b>January 18</b>
Springfield: MDC Southwest Regional Office	<i>January 15</i>	<b>January 25</b>
Blue Springs: MDC Burr Oak Woods Nature Center	<i>January 22</i>	<b>February 1</b>
Jefferson City: MDC Headquarters	<i>February 5</i>	<b>February 15</b>

**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 Susan Higgins, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 573/526-1002 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 2014 Validation Training schedule. This training is critical to ensure that the volunteers’ equipment is functioning properly and their reagents are viable.

**Announcing!**  
**2014 VWQM Level 2**  
**Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring**  
**Workshop Schedule**

Workshop Location	Date & Time of Workshop
<b>Sedalia:</b> MDC Fairgrounds Building Missouri State Fairgrounds	<b>Saturday, January 11</b> <b>8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Register by Thursday, January 2</i>
<b>Kirkwood:</b> MDC Powder Valley Nature Center 11715 Cragwold Road	<b>Saturday, January 18</b> <b>8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Register by Wednesday, January 8</i>
<b>Springfield:</b> MDC Southwest Regional Office 2630 N Mayfair	<b>Saturday, January 25</b> <b>8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Register by Wednesday, January 15</i>
<b>Blue Springs:</b> MDC Burr Oak Woods Nature Center 1401 NW Park Road	<b>Saturday, February 1</b> <b>8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Register by Wednesday, January 22</i>
<b>Jefferson City:</b> MDC Headquarters 2901 W Truman Blvd.	<b>Saturday, February 15</b> <b>8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Register by Wednesday, February 5</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](http://www.mostreamteam.org)).
- 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.

**Presented by:**  
**Missouri Department of Conservation**  
**Missouri Department of Natural Resources**  
**and**  
**Conservation Federation of Missouri**