



WATERSHED COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER

Summer is coming to an end and school is getting cranked back up. Here's a recap of education and outreach and river related projects that took place over the summer and in the first month of school.

June 9, 2017

North Toe Paddle & Clean

The Paddle & Clean on the North Toe River was a success! We had two canoes, two kayaks, and eight single rafts all full of tires, metal, miscellaneous trash, and a whole lot of smiles. Local volunteers came out to help keep our rivers clean. It was a good day on the river.





June 19, 2017

Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp



Leading activities that teach soil layers, erosion and weathering of minerals and soil, geology, and pollination and bug diseases, the group had an educational week of learning about different ecosystems and sustainable gardening and farming. The activities were all hands on and game related and finished with a short lecture on the material.



June 20, 2017

Cane River Invasive Removal

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy brought a crew of interns over for some invasive species removal at the Cane River dam removal site. We focused on Japanese Knotweed, a rigorously growing and rapidly spreading herbaceous perennial. An educational introduction to the species started our day off, finishing it with identification and removal.



July 17, 2017

Building Pollinator Gardens

Job Scout Pack 515 helped build and plant a pollinator garden along the greenway in downtown Parkersville. The garden is filled with native flowering plants that will attract pollinators such as butterflies, bees, and birds.



July 17, 2017

Yancey County Student Volunteers

wonderful group of student volunteers from Yancey County helped remove invasive plant species, clean up the local rivers and streams, and improve pollinator habitat at the high school. This group was involved with Gear Up, a school service which aims to help kids further their education.





July 20, 2017

Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp Round 2

Kids were lead through activities that taught the water cycle, water conservation and preservation, oil layers, soil microbiomes and bugs.





Other educational programs and river related projects not pictured were:

- Green Scene Avery county Summer Wow program- June 14th
- Spruce Pine Cub Scout Critter Catcher activities (Shade Your Stream)- June 23rd
- Avery county Summer Wow program (River Keepers)- June 27th
- American Conservation Experience Cane River invasive removal- August 10th & 11th
- Morning Close Up WTOE/WKYK- August 14th
- Christmas Tree Association presentation- August 14th
- TRAC river related art talk- August 25th
- Cane River Clean Up (Yancey Young Democratic Group)- August 26th
- LEGO water quality talk- September 5th



Save the Date

September 14th & 15th:

Toes in the Toe Mitchell County

September 21st & 22nd:

Toes in the Toe Yancey County

September 25th & 26th:

Avery Water Field Day

September 27th:

Water Stewardship Network workshop

September 28th:

Junior Master Gardener 4-H meeting/activity

October 3rd:

Unimin Conservation Field Day

