

## 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.

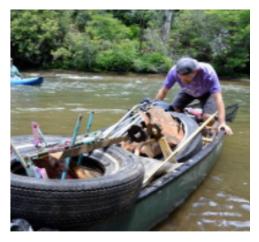
# June 9, 2017

#### North Toe Paddle & Clean

he Paddle & Clean on the North Toe River was a success! We had two canoes, two kayaks, and ght single rafts all full of tires, metal, miscellaneous trash, and a whole lot of smiles. Local olunteers 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 teac soil layers, erosion and weathering of minerals and soil, geology, and pollinatio and bug diseases, the grou had an educational week o learning about different ecosystems and sustainab gardening and farming. The activities were all hands or and game related and finished with a short lectury on the material.



### June 20, 2017

#### **Cane River Invasive Removal**

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



# July 17, 2017

**Building Pollinator Gardens** 

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



## July 17, 2017

#### Yancey County Student Volunteers

wonderful group of student volunteers from Yancey County helped remove invasive plant species, ean up the local rivers and streams, and improve pollinator habitat at the high school. This group as 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

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



### Save the Date

eptember 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>: Toes in the Toe Mitchell County eptember 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>: Toes in the Toe Yancey County eptember 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>: Avery Water Field Day eptember 27<sup>th</sup>: Water Stewardship Network workshop eptember 28<sup>th</sup>: Junior Master Gardener 4-H meeting/activity ctober 3<sup>rd</sup>:

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