



Front Range Watershed Days:

A Community Celebration of Our Watersheds

August 20th, 2021 – September 26th, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Left Hand Watershed Center is a 501c3 nonprofit, stakeholder driven organization that aims to protect and restore our watersheds for people and environment, using a collaborative, science-based approach. We are hosting a month-long celebration of watershed health and are looking for your support!

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

We are seeking businesses, organizations, and individuals to sponsor our events! Your contributions would mean increasing community awareness about groups committed to watershed protection and restoration in the Front Range. Sponsors receive a wide variety of recognition as described in package options below. With various watersheds represented, a newly revitalized demand from community participants, a broad range of content and opportunities, and a large-scale celebration, your sponsorship would increase your engagement across demographics and geographic areas to new audiences. Sponsorship also allows us to make events free to attendees and help support place-based watershed education opportunities.

EVENTS OVERVIEW

From the end of August, through the month of September, the Watershed Center, along with partners and sponsors, will be hosting and co-hosting watershed outreach events, educational experiences, and a celebration aimed to inspire people to connect to their watershed through place-based, participatory learning. Participants will include volunteers from diverse demographics (e.g. business, agriculture, recreation, environment, K-12, research, etc.) with a focus on connecting and engaging new audiences.

“Bioblitz” events across four watersheds will generate region-scale scientific data about the health and recovery of our watersheds that include biological and physical measurements. A documentary screening and panel will spread awareness about the history of forest mitigation, vast implications of current status, and potential to create positive change. “Fire Followers” will record and identify plant regrowth within a burn scar. Family and friends can enjoy a farm to table meal together while identifying the origins of the ingredients from their watershed. Forest tours will uncover components of healthy forest ecosystems live and in-person by guided experts. The month-long event calendar culminates with World Rivers Day – a world-wide celebration of our waterways.

We need your help to make this endeavor a success!



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Event Information

Draft list of month-long events still under development

Aug 20, other dates TBD: Forest Health Field Trips

- **Current Partners:** USDA Forest Service, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute, St Vrain Forest Health Partnership, Boulder County and more
- **Description:** What are the indicators of a healthy forest ecosystem? Join this guided tour to discover how diverse areas and species respond to forest treatments. Learn more about the current conditions of our Colorado forests, treatment plans, and desired future conditions.

Aug 25: Lyons Farmette Farm to Table Dinner – Lyons Farmette, Lyons

- **Current Partners:** Lyons Farmette and Butcher and the Blonde
- **Description:** Join the Butcher and the Blonde hospitality team for farm-fresh, open-air dining at the Lyons Farmette. Meat-eaters and vegetarians alike will enjoy unique and vibrant Colorado ingredients and flavors during this multi-course dinner. We can always count on our Front Range harvest to offer something for all taste preferences and dietary needs. We hope you will join us for an exquisite meal in the relaxed breathtaking atmosphere of the Lyons Farmette. A perfect setting for a fun date with someone special or a get together with friends and family we have longed to spend time with!

Aug 28 and 29: Bioblitz: Community-Powered Data Collection & Meet the Scientists, Various watersheds

- **Current Partners:** Boulder Watershed Collective, Estes Valley Watershed Coalition
- **Description:** What are the indicators of a healthy watershed and why is it important to collect these data? Become a community scientist that gathers region-scale scientific data about the health and recovery of our watersheds with both biological and physical measurements. Engage in collecting meaningful data alongside scientists, including pebble counts, fish habitat surveys, and vegetation surveys. Lunch will be provided on site for all participants.

Aug 29: Watershed Days Festival- LaVern Johnson Park, Lyons

- **Current Partners:** Town of Lyons, City of Longmont, St Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District, Trout Unlimited St. Vrain Anglers, Boulder County, Ocean First Institute, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Keep it Clean Partnership, Lyons Schools, Lyons Ecology Board, Maren Waldman Dance Group, Summerhawk Band, and Can'd Aid – More will be added!
- **Description:** What are the components of a watershed and why do they matter? The Watershed Days Festival aims to engage Front Range communities in learning about watershed health and recovery through events that support water education, outreach, and innovation. Part-community engagement and part-scientific endeavor, booths and experiences will help raise awareness about watershed resiliency in Colorado, help people connect to Front Range water and forest issues, and share region-scale scientific data about the health and recovery of our watersheds.

Watershed Festival Learning Experiences
Aquatic mammals (BOCO Parks and Open Space)
Bird surveys and bird banding (Bird Conservancy of the Rockies)
Northern redbelly dace nursery, breeding, and reintroduction (Ocean First Institute)
PreK-12 Science and Leadership river health data collection and analysis (SVVSD Lyons Schools)
What is a healthy forest? Forest mitigation efforts, treatments (St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership and NOCO Fireshed)
Fly tying, casting, and macroinvertebrates (Trout Unlimited St. Vrain Anglers Chapter)
Interactive stream table (Keep it Clean Partnership)
Flood preparation, Sustainability, and Natural Resources (City of Longmont)
Community Scientist Opportunities: Catch the Hatch, Fire Followers, Storm Chasers info/results (Left Hand Watershed Center)
AND more!

Sep 10: Guided Bike Tour– Niwot/Hygiene route

- **Current Partners:** Colorado Ag Water Alliance, Boulder Valley and Longmont Conservation District
- **Description:** How are ditch operations and water infrastructure essential to our local agriculture? Join a relaxed crowd for a 7-15 mile ride biking along the Front Range. We'll be stopping at local farms, talking with farmers and ranchers, and learning about ditches and their operations. Speakers include Black Cat and Olin Farms, John Schlegel, and Dan Lisco. Our last stop will have lunch provided. There will be aid stations throughout the course providing water and snacks. The option to drive to checkpoints is also available.

Sep 12: Fire Followers – Calwood Burn Scar, Boulder

- **Current Partners:** Boulder County Parks and Open Space and Cal Wood Education Center and Balarat Outdoor Education Center
- **Description:** How is plant vegetation impacted by fire and what regrowth observations can be made? Walk the burn footprint as a team to observe plants starting to return in the wake of the burn. Using a smartphone app called iNaturalist, take photos and identify plants observed. Data will contribute to a growing database that will allow a better understanding of how our lands change and rebound after a fire.

Sep 16: Tributary Bioblitz

- **Current Partners:** Trout Unlimited St. Vrain Anglers, City of Longmont, and Can'd Aid
- **Description:** Engage in collecting data around a powerful indicator of watershed health: our macroinvertebrates! Count and identify macroinvertebrate populations with fellow community scientists in watershed tributaries.

TBD: “The West is Burning” documentary screening– Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder (with panel) & Wibby Brewing, Longmont

- **Current Partners:** Community Foundation Boulder County **Proposed Panel Partners:** USDA Forest Service, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute, St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and more
- **Description:** Join us for dinner and/or beverages with a full-feature documentary and discussion about forests, water delivery, and fish communities. “The West is Burning” examines the history of forest management and urgent need to act now to protect forest, rivers, and communities in the face of catastrophic wildfire. The film and discussion will explore the history of the landscape and ways to generate positive change into the future. Following the film, a diverse panel of experts will address questions about the connection to watershed health and services, including water delivery and fish communities.



A Celebration of Watershed Health, Science, and Community - Learn more at www.watershed.center

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Partner Packages

River Partner \$5,000+

- A package of benefits including all of the benefits of a Headwaters Sponsor plus additional customized benefits designed to meet your needs
- Private educational or engagement experience for 20 participants provided by Left Hand Watershed Center

Headwaters Sponsor \$2,500

- Verbal recognition during opening remarks at the Watershed Festival by Watershed Center Executive Director
- Logo included on "Watershed Report" handout provided at all Watershed Days events
- Invitation to distribute promotional items to event attendees at Watershed Festival (water bottles, hats, t-shirts, pens, handouts etc.)
- Invitation to deliver remarks at one of the Watershed Days events
- Logo included on Watershed Festival participant "passport"
- Recognition on social media channels prior to and following the event
- Organization logo with prime placement in Watershed Days 2021 promotional materials
- Organization logo and website link included in promotional email newsletter and Watershed Center webpage

Mainstem Sponsor \$1,500

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2021 Watershed Days Partnership Form

Yes! Please sign me up to be an event sponsor or partner:

Organization _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please select your Partner Package:

- River Partner
- Headwaters Sponsor
- Mainstem Sponsor
- Community Sponsor

*Note: If selecting "River Partner," "Headwaters" or "Mainstem" sponsorship, please indicate (in interest order) the events you'd like to give remarks.

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Please remit form and payment to **BY AUGUST 5th, 2021:**

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Thank you for your support! We will be contacting you soon.