

## **News Release**

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### **West Fork Watershed Celebration & River Cleanup on June 5**

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The 5<sup>th</sup> annual West Fork Watershed Celebration and River Cleanup will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Riverside Park, located off state Hwy. 170 in downtown West Fork. Volunteers will check in from 8-9:30 a.m. at the park, then fan out to stations along the river and clean up targeted areas. The cleanup will end at 11 a.m., when a free BBQ chicken lunch will be served to the first 150 people. Door prize drawings are scheduled for noon. In addition, there will be live music and educational booths, as well as a 10 a.m. tour of the stream restoration site near Brentwood. Volunteers may pre-register by calling 225-1611 or 422-1014 or register on-site at the event. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Cleanup participants will be required to sign up and complete liability forms. The West Fork of the White River flows into Beaver Lake, which is our supply of drinking water. Each year, a clean-up of our river is conducted as part of protecting our source of safe drinking water and protecting wildlife habitats.

The event is being coordinated by the West Fork Watershed Alliance. Sponsors and partners include the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, Arkansas Stream Team, Beaver Lake Partnership, Watershed Conservation Resource Center, the City of Fayetteville, the City of West Fork, Audubon Arkansas, Washington County Environmental Affairs, the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Bank of Fayetteville, Arvest Bank, Tyson Foods, Pack Rat, Waste Management, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, and Beaver Water District.

For more information, call 225-1611 or 422-1014.