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Volunteers Still Needed: Secchi Day on Beaver Lake Aug. 29th

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The fourth annual Secchi Day on Beaver Lake will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the East and West Shelters near the boat ramp at Prairie Creek on Beaver Lake. Volunteers are still needed. Teams in boats will become citizen scientists as they depart at 8:30 a.m. from four launch sites to collect water samples and record Secchi depths (clarity measurements) from 30 sites throughout the lake. To volunteer, send an e-mail to Rusty Tate at rtate@bwdh2o.org or call Rusty at 756-3651.

“As usual, we will serve lunch to the first 250 attendees beginning at 11:30 a.m. We’ll have burgers and chips and we’ll be participating in educational activities starting at 10 a.m. This will include a stream table, a Beaver Lake watershed model, and Secchi tube demonstrations, as well as numerous tabletop exhibits about water and ecology. We hope folks who’ve come in the past will join us again this year. We also invite newcomers to come see what Secchi Day involves and become more aware about water issues that concern Northwest Arkansas. Bring the children. We’ll have fun activities for all ages,” said Amy Wilson, Director of Public Affairs for Beaver Water District.

Audubon Arkansas, Beaver Water District, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Beaver Lake, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service are co-sponsors of Secchi Day on Beaver Lake. Beaver Water District’s mission is to serve our customers in the Benton and Washington County area by providing high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all federal and state regulatory requirements in such quantities as meets their demands and is economically priced consistent with our quality standards. For more information, visit www.bwdh2o.org.