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N E W S R E L E A S E

Free Event for Public Saturday at Beaver Lake

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The 4th Annual Secchi Day on Beaver Lake will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday (Aug. 29) at the East and West Shelters by the boat ramp at Prairie Creek on Beaver Lake. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. to the first 250 who attend. There is no charge for the event.

While organizers report they've recruited plenty of volunteers with boats to help collect water samples and perform Secchi disk (water clarity) readings, young and old alike are invited to attend the event and learn about the importance of safeguarding Beaver Lake, which provides drinking water for most of Northwest Arkansas.

"We'll be participating in educational activities starting at 10 a.m.," said Amy Wilson, Director of Public Affairs for Beaver Water District. "We'll demonstrate a stream table, a Beaver Lake watershed model, and how a Secchi tube works. We'll have numerous tabletop exhibits about water and ecology. This is a stellar opportunity for children, adults and newcomers to the area to become more aware of water issues that concern our region. Bring the children. We'll have fun activities for all ages."

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.