

Upcoming Watershed Events



Winter Stonefly Hunt



Join us for our third annual Winter Stonefly Hunt!

This winter we will once again be searching for two families of Stoneflies (Capniidae and Taeniopterygidae) that emerge during the winter. Stoneflies are “bugs” that are fairly intolerant of pollution and their presence indicates that portions of the Grand River are healthy.

The Stonefly Hunt is a one day event. Following a brief training at the Dahlem Center, volunteers will break into teams and head out to sites along the Upper Grand River to search for stoneflies.

Bundle up and join us outside this winter!



Please contact Alison Rauss at the Jackson County Conservation District if you are interested in volunteering for any of these events:
(517)784-2800 Ext. 5 or alison.rauss@macd.org



Spring Adopt-A-Stream Events

During our Spring Collection Day, volunteers will work in teams to collect benthic macroinvertebrates (see page 2) from different sites along the Upper Grand River. Volunteers can either wade in the water and collect bugs, or stay dry on land and help sort the collected bugs.

The following week, during Bug ID Night, we will use microscopes and reference materials to identify the bugs we found during the collection day.

*Volunteers do not need experience in water quality or macroinvertebrate identification. All training and equipment will be provided to volunteers.

*New volunteers will need to attend a training session in order to participate in the Collection Day. For your convenience, training sessions are offered in both Jackson and Ingham and Counties.

*Children 12 and up are welcome to participate if accompanied by an adult.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday January 29, 2011

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Stonefly Hunt

Meet at The Dahlem Center

7117 South Jackson Road, Jackson

Please RSVP by Thursday January 27th

*Severe weather back-up date:

Saturday February 12, 2011

Thursday April 21, 2011

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Spring Collection Training

Meet at The Dahlem Center

7117 South Jackson Road, Jackson

Please RSVP by Monday April 18th

Tuesday April 26, 2011

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ingham County - Spring Collection Training

Meet at the Ingham Conservation District

1031 West Dexter Trail, Mason

Please RSVP by Friday April 22nd

Saturday May 7, 2011

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Spring Adopt-A-Stream Collection Day

Meet at The Dahlem Center

7117 South Jackson Road, Jackson

(Ingham County volunteers will meet at the Ingham Conservation District)

Please RSVP by Monday May 2nd

Tuesday May 10, 2011

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Bug ID Night

Jackson County Community College

McDivitt Hall (Room tba)

2111 Emmons Road, Jackson