



Staying Active

While 2021 was not a repeat of 2020, we are all feeling the strong aftershocks of the Covid pandemic. For Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers, many of our normally scheduled annual events and outings were cancelled or modified. We hope you were still able, like so many of us, to enjoy a part of all that is available in the middle White River watershed. However, many of our good efforts were continued.



Our Board of Directors has initiated a rebuilding of our website. We hope to see this as a reality in the next couple of months. Our goal is to update information concerning our watershed and provide latest news and events that have an impact on the health of the entire watershed. We invite members to keep us apprised of collaborative events or issues that interest you.

Stream Team

The Mountain Home Stream Team remains active in its streambank measurements, water chemistry and aquatic life surveys. This is a joint effort with students from Mountain Home High School.



Stream cleanup efforts were conducted on Piney Creek in IZARD County (June) and Poke Bayou in Independence County (August). We thank the Kever family and the Piney Creek Kayakers for their help. The Poke Bayou cleanup was a collaboration with the Poke Bayou Foundation.



Scholarship Increases for 2022



Two \$1000.00 scholarships to Arkansas State University at Mountain Home were awarded to qualified recipients in 2021.

Thanks to generous donations, our Board has approved an increase in the award in 2022. Two \$2500.00 scholarships to Mountain Home High School students will be funded. Student applicants must participate in Stream Team and submit a Dodd Creek Stream Report based on their findings. The recipients' selection will be based on their teacher recommendation and the Stream Team Report.

The \$1000.00 Steven N. Wilson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to a Lyon College student studying biology and recommended by the Biology Department faculty. Steve Wilson was a past Director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, a past member of our Board of Directors of FNFWR, and a native of Batesville.

Fun in the Sun

Friends was also active on Dry Run Creek next to the National Fish Hatchery, describing to youth the species of trout, macroinvertebrates in the creek the trout eat and the importance of cold healthy water for trout habitat. Fishing with a Tenkara rod was taught as well. Medals and certificates of achievements were awarded to youth for learning about Dry Run Creek habitat.



Get Involved

The Board will be conducting a planning meeting on January 17, 2022. We invite your input! We also encourage your participation as a Board member, as a committee participant, or as a volunteer at any of our events or Stream Team surveys. We look forward to opportunities promote a clean and healthy watershed.

Please support Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers' efforts to protect our streams, lakes and rivers by:

- **Joining or renewing your 2022 membership**
- **Making a financial contribution**
- **Volunteering for Stream Team and stream clean up events**
- **Contacting your elected officials and agencies when necessary**

Thank you again for your support.

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