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Water Quality Monitoring Training May 24th and 25th

Become a citizen scientist water quality monitor.

VIROQUA, WI May 4, 2016 – Valley Stewardship Network will be hosting a training event for volunteer water quality monitoring on the evenings of May 24th and 25th from 6pm to 9pm each night. Volunteers will be trained in methods of the statewide Water Action Volunteers (WAV) Stream Monitoring Program that is run through the Wisconsin DNR and University of Wisconsin Extension. This hands-on training session will be led by WAV co-coordinator Peggy Compton, and Valley Stewardship Network staff will be available to provide additional assistance. John Delaney, VSN Water Quality Coordinator encourages landowners and community members to learn more about the water in our unique cold water spring, stream and river ecosystems that support trout and other fish and wildlife. John explains that "Water and habitat quality assessments only take about an hour each month – on your own schedule – and your citizen-based data becomes a key tool in our work to protect our area watersheds."



Topics covered in this training include: stream ecology, water quality measurements, streamside habitat assessment, macroinvertebrate diversity, and data submission. Monitoring equipment will be loaned to interested volunteers, but please bring a snack, water, hip boots/waders if you have them, a pencil, and clipboard. Volunteers will need to attend both nights in order to complete the training.

The training will take place at Nature Nooks Retreat S4878 County Road S, Viroqua, WI 54665, and will include both indoor and outdoor components. To register for this free training please contact John Delaney via email: john@kickapoovsn.org or by phone: [608-637-3615](tel:608-637-3615).

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Valley Stewardship Network is celebrating 15 years of land and water stewardship in the Kickapoo Valley and adjacent watersheds. Best known for its water quality monitoring programs, VSN also offers outreach and education programs to help farmers, landowners, residents and visitors understand and support our local ecology for the health of our communities. More at www.valleystewardshipnetwork.org