



Current Events



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STREAM TEAM CENTRAL HAS MOVED!

If you are getting this newsletter late, it is because the statewide coordinator's office is moving from Bryant to Benton. While only a 10 mile move, we still have to box up everything, move it, unpack it and try to get it reorganized while trying to plant a bank on the Eleven Point River with thousands of trees and shrubs. So, please bear with us for a short while until we can get above the craziness and get back to normal (?).



So, the address for the State Stream Team Coordinator is now:

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Don't forget, we now have 4 regional coordinators that can answer your questions and handle your requests in a very timely manner. These 4 highly trained and motivated people are located in different ecoregion/watershed areas around the state and are eager to assist you in your endeavors in helping Arkansas' waterways stay or get in better shape. They are located in the following general areas in the state:

David Evans, Ozarks and Boston Mts. | Stephen O'Neal, Delta & NE Ark.

Calico Rock/toll free 1-877-297-4331 | Brinkley/toll free 1-877-734-4581



Darrell Bowman, AR River, Ouachitas | Phil Penny, Gulf Coastal Plain
 Russellville/toll free 1-877-967-7577 | Camden/toll free 1-877-836-4612

Don't hesitate to call any of these 4 or me if you have any requests or needs relative to working on streams, lakes, or any waterbody in *the Natural State*.

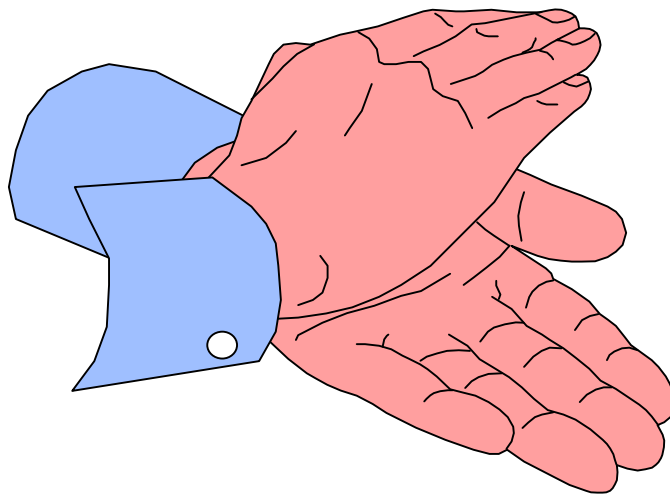
TEACHER GIVES LESSON IN GENEROSITY

Good teachers are a treasure to this state and the Yellville-Summit schools have a real jewel in **Fred Berry**, a teacher and counselor at that school. Mr. Berry gave us all a lesson in generosity as he donated \$1 million in stock to the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation. The Foundation used this to buy 421 acres of land along Crooked Creek, the nationally known smallmouth bass stream in north central Arkansas. The land bought has almost 3 miles

of frontage on Crooked Creek and includes Kelly's Slab, a well-known canoe, fishing, and swimming access.

The major objective for Berry and the Foundation is to use the land as a conservation education area for north Arkansas. Berry said his four children wholeheartedly agreed with his decision to donate the bank stock to the Foundation for conservation education purposes. Berry said that he still had enough to live on due to his frugal ways. As to his donation relative to the creek, Berry said that he wanted to help an "old friend" that had been misused. "I felt I could watch gravel trucks running up and down the road in front of my house from now on or else I could try to get this land into use for something like conservation education," Berry said.

This incredibly generous donation will really help the conservation effort in Arkansas. Without a doubt, this teacher could teach us all a strong lesson in giving of ourselves so that others are helped or enriched. **The whole Arkansas Stream Team thanks you, Fred Berry and family, for your most unselfish donation to the people and the resources of this great state!**



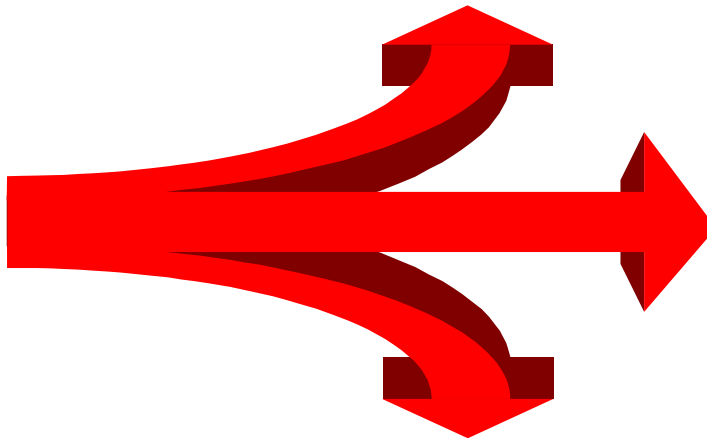
MINI-GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE

For those of you Stream Teams that have worthy projects that need a little assistance, whether in education, stewardship, or advocacy, don't forget that

we still have some Stream Team Mini-Grant funds available. Contact your local Stream Team Coordinator of the main office for more information on this program. Call one of the above phone numbers to find out how to qualify for these grants which are all used to conserve aquatic resources in the state.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THOSE STREAM TEAM ACTIVITY SHEETS!!!

On the next sheet is a copy of a stream team activity form that we need you to fill out when you *do the things you do*. Whether you are doing a litter cleanup, monitoring water quality, planting trees in a riparian area, learning about stream teams and streams, or trying to influence others to proper stream and watershed management, please fill out the following form so we can report what you are doing for the waters in the Natural State. It really doesn't take very long and helps us a lot to demonstrate to others just how much good work you are all doing across the state (and beyond).



The Process of becoming a STREAM TEAM

1. Express an interest and request more information: **Send your name, address, and phone number to:**

STREAM TEAM PROGRAM COORDINATOR
AR Game and Fish Office
915 E. Sevier St.
Benton, AR 72015

2. Sign up. You will get the newsletter and be counted among Arkansas's STREAM TEAM members. This is the minimum level of involvement.

3. Adopt a stream. To become more involved in the program, you can adopt a stream. Select a stream that you or your group are particularly concerned about-the creek on your land, your favorite fishing hole, or the stream you drive over every day to work, school or the store, for example.

a. inventory your stream with help from STREAM TEAM coordinators.

b. decide what you want to do-trash pick-up, habitat improvement, water quality monitoring, or whatever interests to your team!

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