



# THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER

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## New Quarterly Newsletter

JRBP is bringing back a regular quarterly newsletter! This will be a way to connect with members, supporters, followers, and colleagues, and share what we are up to throughout the year. Periodic special emails will still go out from time to time, but most announcements and updates will be in the newsletters—including upcoming events, special membership highlights, program updates, and more. Check back each quarter to learn more about JRBP, and don't hesitate to send us your feedback.

## River Rescue

Another successful River Rescue cleanup is on the books! On June 25th, 65 volunteers removed over a ton of trash from the Shelvin Rock to Hootentown stretch of the James!

Highlights of the day included removing 20 tires from the river, inspiring recreational paddlers to join in the cleanup efforts, and enjoying Blue Canoe Pale Ale after the float, sponsored by Springfield Brewing Company. Thanks to all of our hardworking volunteers. Hope you can join us on the next cleanup!



## Volunteer Snapshot Sampling Event

On July 16th JRBP hosted our 4th Volunteer Snapshot Sampling Event. Within a four hour period, 35 volunteers collected samples at 65 sites across the James River Basin, including on the James River itself, various springs, Finley River, Crane Creek, Wilsons Creek, Pearson Creek and other tributaries. The snapshot approach “levels the playing field” with respect to flow conditions, which should be similar at all sites. This produces a “picture” of geographic differences in water quality over the basin that may be due to point or nonpoint sources of pollution.



## Yard Ethic: Lawn Steward Soil Testing Program

JRBP staff stayed busy earlier this month conducting soil tests for the Lawn Steward program. Staff visited with landowners in the Wilsons Creek watershed to discuss soil health in their yards and collect soil samples. These samples are sent to be tested for pH, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and organic matter. JRBP staff interpret the results and create a 3-year nutrient management plan for the landowner. Springfield residents can participate free of charge. A limited number of appointments are available. Are you interested in having your soil tested?

Sign up to be notified for our next round of tests at:  
[JamesRiverBasin.com/lawn-steward](https://JamesRiverBasin.com/lawn-steward)



*Save the Date*

## Sunset Soiree

September 17, 2022  
on the  
Historic Riverside Bridge  
at Finley Farms

Sponsored in part by:



## Membership Benefits

There is no better time to become a JRBP member than this summer! While supplies last, all new memberships will receive a \$10 Bass Pro Shops gift card, along with new perks at each membership level. See the chart below for membership incentives, and join today at [JamesRiverBasin.com/membership](http://JamesRiverBasin.com/membership).

**Mark your calendars: Membership float is on October 8th. Become a member now so you can join us!**

Individual Membership Incentives						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Lifetime
Annual Member Float (plus number of guests)	X + 1	X + 2	X + 3	X + 4	X + 5	X + 5
Vinyl decal	X	X	X	X	X	X
Members Only Events and Offers	X	X	X	X	X	X
James River Explorer's Guide		X	X	X	X	X
JRBP T-Shirt*			X	X	X	X
JRBP Embroidered Hat*				X	X	X
<i>Living Waters The Springs of Missouri</i> By Loring Bullard*					X	X

Dues						\$1,000
Monthly	\$2.50	\$5	\$8.50	\$15	\$25	
Annual	\$30	\$60	\$100	\$180	\$300	

\*For new members only. One t-shirt / hat / book / sticker per membership. JRBP apparel is mailed out quarterly.

## Lifetime Membership Highlight

New in 2022 is the opportunity to become a lifetime member of JRBP! No longer will you have to worry about yearly renewals. For a one-time donation of \$1,000 you will be a member FOR LIFE! Loring Bullard was the first to jump at the chance. Here's why he became our first lifetime member:

*"Having worked in the watershed "business" for many years, I understand the value of this kind of work. Because I have long floated and fished in the James River, I heartily supported the formation of the JRBP in the late 1990s. Even with a small staff and modest budget, the organization has accomplished many great things—far beyond simple river cleanups or heightened public awareness. With maturity, the JRBP has established a reputation as a reliable partner and fiscal manager, allowing it to take on ever larger watershed protection and restoration projects. It is essential that this important work continue, so I am happy to keep supporting the JRBP!"*



## Education Opportunities

With the addition of an Education Outreach Coordinator position, staff has stayed busy with new educational opportunities. This summer JRBP visited with summer schools across Greene and Christian Counties, teaching students about their local watersheds, what can be found in their streams, and how they can help water quality. More educational opportunities will be available throughout the year, and JRBP could use more volunteers! Want to help lead water quality lessons for area elementary students? Help with presentations to interest organizations? Table at community events? Become an education volunteer! Learn more about volunteer opportunities at [JamesRiverBasin.com/volunteer](http://JamesRiverBasin.com/volunteer) and sign up today!



## SUP Raffle!

Win a Stand Up Paddleboard Package!

Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100

Learn more and purchase tickets at:

[JamesRiverBasin.com/sup-raffle](http://JamesRiverBasin.com/sup-raffle)

\$929 Value!



## Business Members

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## Annual Supporters



*James River Basin Partnership a grassroots, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization working to improve and protect the water quality of the springs, streams, rivers, and lakes in the James River watershed which consists of almost a million acres of land in portions of eight counties. Learn more at [JamesRiverBasin.com](http://JamesRiverBasin.com)*