



WNC Stream Volunteers Needed!

TRAINING: Sunday, March 26th, 9am-4pm, at UNC-Asheville (and nearby creek)

Join over 100 volunteers to help sample local streams for water quality! Learn to identify aquatic insects and why they are important indicators of healthy rivers and creeks. Volunteers will be trained in sampling methods for use in a long-term monitoring project at sites in Haywood, Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, and Mitchell Counties. Volunteering is open to anyone seventeen and older with any background or level of experience. This training is only held twice a year! Come join us!

Topics include: Basic stream ecology, how to report local water quality problems, identification of aquatic insects & stream sampling skills. No experience necessary.

Volunteer Expectations: Volunteers will work in small groups with leaders to sample a minimum of two sites a season. They will be responsible for sampling once in spring and once in the fall season (2-3 hrs per site). Be prepared to have fun and contribute to citizen science!



Volunteer monitoring groups are a focal point for community interaction, promote a sense of stewardship of local waterways, and empower residents to protect the quality of our mountain rivers and streams! Information on the Stream Monitoring Information Exchange (SMIE) and instructional videos are available on The Environmental Quality Institute's website: www.eqilab.org.

**For more information or to RSVP, contact us at (828) 357-7411 or at Eqilabstaff@gmail.com
\$15-20 Donation requested, but not required (material costs). RSVP required.**