



StreamTeam

"Bringing salmon back to Salmon Creek"

WINTER 2010

This is a publication from Clark Public Utilities Environmental Services' StreamTeam program

OUR MISSION

To manage watershed restoration efforts along Salmon Creek, to enhance water quality for Clark County residents and to restore salmon populations in Salmon Creek while increasing community awareness



SAVE-A-TREE

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Stream Team Update

As we move into a new year it's important to recognize all of the hard work and dedication of the past year. In 2009, StreamTeam members donated more than 3,300 hours to save salmon! The StreamTeam also had a presence at over 20 community outreach events this year reaching more than 15,000 people.

For the second consecutive year, Clark County invited the StreamTeam to provide engaging outreach at the Clark County Fair. Fairgoers painted a picture-perfect stream mural and brought

salmon back through an interactive stream demonstration with the Stream-Team.

Our outreach area included a large Western red cedar root system to demonstrate the needs of salmon and show how native trees provide streamside soil stability, cover from predators and shade the stream. The collective outreach area received a first place award at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions in Las Vegas. Recently John Morrison, the Clark County Fair Manager, presented Commissioner Marc Boldt with a plaque for the best exhibit involving partnerships under the agricultural education category. Thank you to all of the team members who made the fair a huge success!

As the team gears up for the coming year, we invite you to welcome the new AmeriCorps members at our upcoming 2010 StreamTeam Events. Please welcome Team Leader and returning member Brice Crayne and new members Adam Mase, Benyamin Wishneck, John Catena, Kim Hack and Rachel Chambers to the team!



StreamTeam volunteers learn about salmon

Volunteer Spotlight

The StreamTeam AmeriCorps team is a very dedicated group that deserves to be spotlighted every day. The AmeriCorps team of Brye Lefler (Team Leader), Brice Crayne, Carol Frame, Joel Bader, Kalle Skurla, Kathy Crisp and Professional Placement Member Julie Flusche have all dedicated more than 1,700 hours to bring salmon back to Salmon Creek.

Thank you for all of your hard work. We wish you the best in your future endeavors!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, 2010

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Join the StreamTeam for a day on rather than a day off.

February 6, 2010

Water Quality Monitoring

Join the StreamTeam in the first native tree planting of the year.

February 13, 2010

Restoration Activity

Welcome the new AmeriCorps members to the team!

February 27, 2010

Restoration Activity

Complete a much needed stream restoration project to save salmon.

April 17, 2010

Earth Day Celebration

Celebrate Earth Day by planting trees with the StreamTeam!



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Stream Stewards

We would like to thank all of the Stream Stewards, especially Stream Steward and Volunteer of the Year Dixie Lee Ross (pictured at right with Lisa) for all of their dedication to bring salmon back to Salmon Creek. Stewards are providing student presentations, leading planting groups, monitoring wading birds and more to save salmon!

Don't forget to [report](#) your Stream Steward partner hours (Columbia Springs and NatureScaping) so that you can see your name in the next newsletter.

Our upcoming exclusive Stream Steward opportunities include: Winter Twig Identification Workshop (January 13, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), Stream Steward Kick-Off 2010 (January 30,



from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and Salmon Redd Monitoring (March) along with general StreamTeam events. If you are a Stream Steward and would like to participate in any of these events, please [contact Lisa](#) to register.

❖ PLANT PROFILES

Native plant of the quarter

The Native Plant of the Quarter is Common Snowberry or Waxberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*). Snowberry forms a thicket, spreading by its rhizomous roots which hold streamside soil in place. Small clustered, pink to white bell-shaped flowers appear in early spring. Unlike many other plants in the known world, it boasts a white berry (drupes) in late spring that lasts until the following spring.

When the berries are broken apart, it is said that the inside looks like freshly fallen snow. Common Snowberry is an important winter food source for quail, pheasant and grouse, but is considered poisonous to humans.



❖ ENVIRO-FRIENDLY FACTS AND IDEAS

Conservation tips

- ◆ It's not too late to save energy and [weatherize](#) your home!
- ◆ Helpful tips if [you are away](#) from home.
- ◆ Save gift wrap and ribbon to reduce and reuse for future gift giving.
- ◆ If you purchased a live native Christmas tree, maintain it and donate it to one of our restoration sites.
- ◆ Looking to safely recycle prescriptions, Christmas trees or thousands of other household items? Visit the [Clark County A-Z Recycling Guide](#).
- ◆ Make environmental New Year's Resolutions!