



GALLATIN STREAM TEAMS

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Gallatin Stream Team program is a collaboration between the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council and the Gallatin Local Water Quality District. Since 2008, citizen scientists have been testing water quality on local streams each summer to inform the community about local creeks and rivers. This high-quality data is used in assessing watershed health and planning stream enhancement projects. Volunteers do not need any prior experience in water quality monitoring to join but should be prepared to commit to the program. We ask that you keep the following responsibilities in mind:

TIME COMMITMENT

Volunteer Training: All volunteers will attend a mandatory training in late June to learn basic watershed science and data quality principles and to practice monitoring techniques in Bozeman Creek.

Monitoring Sessions: Each team will monitor its assigned sites once per month in July, August, and September. Sessions typically last from 5 to 8 hours. We ask that volunteers attend at least 2 of the 3 monitoring sessions.

Community Outreach Event: We typically host a presentation after the sampling season to share our results with the public. Attendance and participation is not mandatory, but it is a great way to teach the community what you have learned about our local streams!

PREPARATION

Reading: Volunteers follow Standard Operating Procedures, available at <https://glwqd.org/stream-teams/>. Stream Team data is held to a high level of scientific rigor and your understanding of field protocols and procedures ensures this quality.

Field Days: Come ready to work, have fun, meet people, and spend time in the stream! Bring weather-appropriate clothing, waders (if you have them), water, lunch and snacks, and your enthusiasm. Be prepared to answer questions about what you're doing and why it's important.

For More Information:

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