January 2019

Happy New Year! We are excited to start a new year of watershed monitoring, restoration, and education. We hope you will join us this year at AWG's volunteer events and meetings. We look forward to seeing some of you again and saying hello to new volunteers and visitors.

WANDER YOUR WATERSHED

Kick Off Your New Year with a Watershed Resolution



How many of Alpine County's watersheds have you seen? With five pristine watersheds, Alpine County is a wonder waiting to be explored. Trek one of the 120 mountain peaks ranging in elevation from 5,591 to 11,459 feet. Enjoy one of the three dozen campgrounds, or adventure through the thousands of acres of dispersed camping. When the weather is warmer, try the calming waters of more than 60 streams and lakes—perfect for a day of fishing and relaxing. Alpine County houses two federal wilderness areas and three National Forests, amazing places to hike and backpack. Snowshoeing is a super way to be outdoors for all ages, and there are fantastic trails in the Bear Valley and Kirkwood areas. Getting outside not only improves physical health, but it bolsters mental health and can connect you with like-minded people in your own community. You do not have to go far to wander your watershed; it can be your backyard! Please send photos of your Alpine County explorations to Shauna at awg.snap.ed@gmail.com so AWG can share them on social media and in future newsletters.

Update at Board of Supervisors Meeting

On December 18, 2018, AWG attended the Alpine County Board of Supervisors meeting with several updates. Kimra introduced Shauna and Taylor as the new AmeriCorps members serving Alpine County until September 2019. Board Chair Rich Harvey and Mo presented initial data from 2018 monitoring for Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCPs). Mo gave an update on the Hope Valley project timeline. Permit applications will be submitted this winter. Construction is anticipated to start this summer and be completed by this fall.

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library has been moved back in front of the AWG office. It is moved to Turtle Rock Park Campground each spring when the campground is open and moved to the AWG office in the winter so the books are accessible in every season. If you need a book to read, please stop by and pick one up, or if you have finished a book and would like to share it with the community, please drop one off (and stop in our office to say hi!).





Volunteer with AWG

AWG is always looking for people who would like to volunteer. Start marking your new 2019 calendar to make a difference in your community with a great group of people who are looking to do the same.

• River monitoring dates: March 9, June 8, August 10, and September 14

• Earth Day at Grover Hot Springs State Park: April (details forthcoming)

• Markleeville Creek Day: September 21

We would love to see our returning members and new faces, so please spread the word to anyone you think would love to volunteer!

Support AWG

Thank you to everyone who donated to AWG in 2018!

Besides cash contributions, you can buy items needed for our monitoring, restoration, and education programs on our Amazon Wish List. On the list you can also find books we believe would be great additions to the Little Free Library.

A simple way to help support AWG year-round is through AmazonSmile. All you have to do is select AWG, and remember to go to AmazonSmile to complete your purchase each time you are done shopping on Amazon.com. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the purchase cost to Alpine Watershed Group.

Visit AWG's Donate page for links to all of the ways to support AWG's work. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

ABC Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 6-8 p.m.
Postponed until futher notice.

Alpine Trails Association (ATA)
Saturday, January 26, 2019, 9 a.m.
Alpine County Library in Markleeville
ATA's quarterly meeting will include a discussion of trail building and maintenance plans for 2019. Let's make 2019 another amazing year of enhancing Alpine County's trail system!

Next AWG Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Location TBD





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