YOU’RE INVITED
to
2018 Swift Creek Week!

Saturday, March 17 - Saturday, March 24, 2018

Swift Creek Week is a unique opportunity for citizens to learn about watersheds and where drinking water originates, all while having fun and improving this local watershed that flows through several Wake County towns: Cary, Garner, Raleigh, and Wake County. This week-long celebration is co-sponsored by four entities that work every day to provide and protect clean water in Wake County and beyond: City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department, River Guardian Foundation, Sound Rivers, and Wake Soil and Water Conservation District.

Swift Creek is a supplemental water source to the residents of Raleigh and the utility’s merger communities of Garner, Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell and Zebulon. The Swift Creek watershed impacts many people, whether they live within the watershed or drink the water that came from it, or whether they fished from its depths or boated on its surface. Swift Creek Week celebrates this unique watershed and strives to raise awareness on how we can all protect the health of this important watershed.

Water lovers of all ages are invited to partake in 8 days of water-themed activities from Sat., March 17th through Sat., March 24th.

EVENTS
Check back often as new events are being added!

Sat., March 17, 2018

Spring Big Sweep
9:00AM to 12:00PM
Location: Apex Community Park, 2200 Laura Duncan Road (Main Park Entrance), Apex, NC 27523

Help protect our natural resources by participating in a litter cleanup at Apex Community Park. Reducing litter in the park helps keep local waterways clean and the drinking watershed healthy. Light refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers pre-register with Zone Captain James Mischiacono at james.mischiagno@apexnc.org
Organized by: Town of Apex; Wake County Big Sweep; 86it

Directions: Enter the park through the Laura Duncan Road entrance. Follow Chardstone Court until the final parking lot past the tennis courts. This is a circular parking lot. Volunteers will meet at the south end of the parking lot.
Sun., March 18, 2018

Get Geeked for Creek Week
1:00PM to 4:00PM
Location: Historic Yates Mill County Park, 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

Stop by and learn about your drinking water and watersheds, or volunteer to create a container for excess fishing line! Stop by any of our tables to learn more!

- Where does your drinking water come from? The City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department will discuss your drinking water and how it is protected!

- What is a watershed anyway? Wake Soil and Water Conservation District will explain what watersheds are, and how to keep them healthy! Check out the EnviroScape model—an interactive model of a watershed that shows how our waterways become polluted.

- Wake County park staff will also set out hydrology maps and aerial photographs for your review of the Yates Mill Pond sub-watershed and the larger Swift Creek watershed area.

- Where does all that old fishing line go? The River Guardian Foundation will guide you through constructing a container that will be used to collect used fishing line! This fun activity can be done by anyone, and will help keep fishing line out of our waterways.

- Make an earth bracelet with the Center for Human-Earth Restoration!

No advanced signup is required! Contact Rebeccah Cope with questions at rcope@wakegov.com

Mon., March 19, 2018

Canines for Clean Water
5:00PM to 7:00PM
Location: Lake Benson Park (Dog Park), 921 Buffaloe Road, Garner, NC 27529

Did you know that pet waste contains bacteria and parasites that can pollute our waterways? Pet waste also contains high levels of nutrients that can enter our streams and lakes, contributing to harmful algae growth and invasive aquatic weeds. This harms the freshwater organisms, and produces toxins dangerous to humans and animals.

Stop by Lake Benson Park and have your four-legged friend sign a pledge promising that it will pick up its waste! In exchange for signing the pledge, your dog will receive a FREE Canines for Clean Water bandana!

No advanced signup is required! Organized by: City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department; Town of Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources; Wake Soil & Water Conservation District.

Contact Liz Barbulescu with questions at Elizabeth.Barbulescu@raleighnc.gov
**Getting Little Feet Wet**

10:00AM to 11:00AM  
Location: White Deer Park, 2400 Aversboro Road, Garner, NC 27529

For: Parents and their child(ren) ages 5 and under.  
NOTE: Children must be accompanied by parent.

Do you enjoy learning with your little one? Then come enjoy one hour of activities to teach young children how we use water every day and why our water resources are important to maintain. Topics may include: weather, Earth, animals, and human bodies. Workshop will be led by Lauren Daniel, Environmental Education Outreach Specialist with the NC Division of Water Resources.

To register, [Click here!](#)

Organized by North Carolina Division of Water Resources and Town of Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Contact Lauren Daniel with questions at Lauren.Daniel@ncdenr.gov

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**Tour of Dempsey E. Benton Water Treatment Plant**

12:00PM to 2:00PM  
Location: Dempsey E Benton Water Treatment Plant, 2301 Benson Road, Garner, NC 27529

Join the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department for a tour of the Dempsey E. Benton Water Treatment Plant! This water treatment plant treats water from Lake Benson, which is operated in series with Lake Wheeler, and supplies drinking water for the City of Raleigh, Town of Rolesville, Town of Garner, Town of Knightdale, Town of Wake Forest, Town of Wendell, and Town of Zebulon. Come out and learn how your water is treated! Our mascot, Sir Water Raleigh, will be there to greet you! [Sign Up Here!](#)

**Additional Information:** Open to all aged 10 years and above

**Day of the Tour:**
All participants over 18 years of age must bring a valid Passport, Driver’s License or State/County issued ID card the day of the tour. Bring completed [Release of Liability Forms](#) from all Attendees [required].

**Safety:** No sandals, flip-flops, and backless, open, open-toe or heeled shoes. Everyone must wear sturdy, close-toe shoes and socks. No shorts or short skirts. You must wear long pants or ankle-length skirts. We recommend not wearing pants/slacks that drag on the ground. Read the [Tour Guidelines](#) for more information.

Organized by the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department.  
Contact Liz Barbulescu with questions at Elizabeth.Barbulescu@raleighnc.gov
Sat., March 24, 2018
Creek Week Finale Events at Lake Wheeler Park
Spend a day at Lake Wheeler Park and choose your own Swift Creek Week adventure!

Spring Big Sweep
9:00AM to 11:00AM
Location: Lake Wheeler Park, 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

Help remove litter from Lake Wheeler Park! Reducing litter along the shoreline and park grounds keeps the local waterways clean and the drinking watershed healthy. Check in at 9:00 a.m. at the Waterfront Program Center. Gloves, trash bags, data cards, and light refreshments will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for the cleanup (no open-toed shoes). Volunteers under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

No advanced signup is required! Organized by Wake County Big Sweep; City of Raleigh Stormwater Management Division; City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department; City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

Questions? Please call the Lake Wheeler Park office at 919-662-5704.

Flusher Truck to keep sewer lines clear of fats, oils & grease!
10:00AM to 11:00AM
Location: Lake Wheeler Park, 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

Did you know that the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department has over 2,400 miles of sewer lines to maintain? See how flusher trucks clear blockages caused by fats, oils, grease, and wipes. Learn how you can help keep the sewers clean! The mascots Sir Water Raleigh and Johnny the Running Toilet will be there too!

Organized by the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department
Contact Dustin Tripp with questions at Dustin.Tripp@raleighnc.gov

Environmental Booths
9:00AM to 11:00AM
Location: Lake Wheeler Park, 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

Find out how the City of Raleigh’s Stormwater Management Division, Solid Waste Department, and Public Utilities Department protect the environment and water supply! Contact Liz Barbulescu with questions at Elizabeth.Barbulescu@raleighnc.gov

CHECK BACK as additional Swift Creek Week events will be posted here!

For questions regarding 2018 Swift Creek Week, please contact:
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