



President's Message

Summer has arrived, even though this Memorial Day weekend did not have a summer feel. Summer archery is starting as well as watersports outings. Outdoor Shooting Leagues are in full swing, and the last Sunday of the month pellet guns are welcome at the Pistol Range. 3D archery is starting. The trails are open and waiting. What are you taking advantage of this summer? You do not have to go far to get outside.

My thanks to those working on the Chapter gardens. Ilene is doing a great job around the Chapter House but can use some help with the weeding. Jay has totally reworked the pollinator garden at the lake. Thanks to you both.

This summer is a great time to get in your volunteer hours. As announced, the fee for not completing your service hours to the Chapter will be increasing in 2026. IWLAR is a volunteer-based organization, if we all put in a little time (six hours) the work of maintaining the Chapter is distributed to all the members. There are many opportunities to earn your six hours. Some require physical labor (invasive patrol, pulling weeds around the Chapter house) others require just your time and attention (the booth at the fair, registration table at 3D archery, advising an Eagle Scout). Whatever your level of activity we can find a productive way to use your talent, and you can earn your six hours of volunteer time.

Our June General Membership Meeting will be on our normal first Friday, June 6. Get out and enjoy IWLAR!
Tight Lines
Noel Gollehon, President

Lake Construction update

As you know we have been working on a lake construction project to trap the sediment before it gets into the lake. The construction is complete, and the plantings are done (trees, shrubs, and live stakes). Montgomery County has strict requirements on both sediment and erosion control and reforestation. We have met the county's requirements for tree replanting and the fence specifying the project area was removed. However, we have not achieved adequate grass coverage for the county to approve the current efforts at erosion and sediment control. There was some work done recently to reseed, and a fence was placed along the road to try and keep people and geese out of the reseeded area. Please respect the fence and stay off the seeded area. Thanks!

June Speaker Focus

Tracy Rouleau will be speaking about the Stormwater Partners Network, a local coalition that advocates for clean water, protecting and improving our watersheds in ways that are equitable and ecologically sensitive, improving community resilience to stormwater impacts such as storm-driven flooding, and connecting communities to their backyard waterways.



Tracy and her family have lived in Gaithersburg for 18 years. She has been a member of the Stormwater Partners Network since 2017, and has served on the Executive Steering Committee since 2018. She also served on the Muddy Branch Alliance from 2014-2020 (President, 2017-2020), working to expand opportunities for students and residents to volunteer and engage in outdoor activities and care of the Muddy Branch Park. She has served on the Montgomery County Water Quality Advisory Group since 2016, as Chair since 2017. Professionally, she is the President and founder of TBD Economics, LLC, an environmental economics consulting firm, and recently took a position as the Director of Conservation Planning and Evaluation at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).

Annual Kayak Class

Our annual introductory kayak class is scheduled, rain or shine, for June 7 from 9 AM to 3 PM at our Chapter House and lake. All kayak equipment will be provided. This class consists of a classroom portion followed by kayaking on our lake. It is for those who have never kayaked and those with limited experience. The session will cover safety, parts of a kayak, entry and exit, and more. Participation is for those age 8 through adult.

For more information see the Water Sports tab under Recreation at our website - iwlar.org. To register, send an email to iwlarwatersports@gmail.com with the number of adults and number of children and their ages. Chapter members are needed that day to assist with transporting equipment to and from the lake and to assist participants while on the water. This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours. Volunteers, please send an email to the same address with your name and the times you are available to help.

Volunteers are Welcome to Help Out

There is a way to get all of your 6 volunteer hours in a day – volunteer to help at the 3-D Archery table this Summer, Sunday mornings 7AM – 1PM. You will help block off a portion of the parking lot, setup the table, welcome arriving archers to our 3-D course, have them sign-in, collect their fee, and direct them to the starting point of the 3-D course.

You will be working with an experienced member that will set you straight on anything else you need to know or do. Volunteers are needed July 7, (one needed), August 3, (two needed), August 17 and 31(3 needed) and September 7, (3 needed). We are asking for you to help – not for bench warmers. To volunteer contact Bill Jackson. Feel free to bring your folding Chair, lunch or snacks and water.

IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

August 8 through 16 are the dates for the Fair this year. The Rockville Chapter provides the tent, and coordinates with local chapters and others to "make it happen". It's a great opportunity to meet people from other chapters, enjoy the fair and promote the League.

Volunteers are needed (approx. 40+) for setting up, "duty" and tear down. Each shift is 6 hours (one shift can satisfy your voluntary work requirement!), 10am-4pm or 4pm-10pm, and will feature at least two people. Tickets plus parking are provided by the Chapter and no experience is necessary. The primary tasks are talking to those who stop by about League activities, hand out brochures on some of our events, and let the kids "fish."

Contact Bill Leaman for questions or to volunteer.

Save our Streams Water Testing

On Sunday June 1 from 1 to 4 pm we will do Water Testing. Identifying what is living in the water is one of the best ways to determine a stream's overall health. Please join us as we collect macroinvertebrates from the Great Seneca Creek near the Izaak Walton League (Rockville Chapter) lake. We will use portable magnifiers to identify water bugs, which will teach us about the water quality of Great Seneca Creek.

This event is geared toward ages 10+. Youth must be accompanied by a parent (no drop-offs).

Please dress according to the weather and plan to get your feet wet. You must wear shoes to enter the water, and we recommend water shoes. Anyone wearing open-toed shoes may not go in the creek.

The event is limited to 40 guests, and registration is required. [Registration Link](#)

This event is FREE and open to the public and IWLA members and their guests. Feel free to share the sign up. We also would appreciate it if someone would photograph the event.

Students wanting to earn SSL hours should bring their SSL forms.

Meet at the Izaak Walton League Lake located at 12057 Clopper Road, Germantown, MD 20874. The lake entrance is on Clopper Road between Waring Station Road and the entrance to Seneca State Park. Questions? Contact Phillip Mariscal.

Road Cleanup on June 8

Earn 2 volunteer hours working on the Waring Station Road clean-up whether it takes 2 hours or not! We will meet in front of the Chapter House (parking lot) at 1:00 pm on Sunday June 8.

We have gloves, vests, garbage bags, grabbers, and lots of TRASH on the roadside. Many hands make light work, so please come join us!

STB

Another Stop the Bleed class is now open for enrollment.

This class is being held Saturday June 28 from 12:00 PM at the IWLAR Chapter House Upper Level. The class will take 90 minutes to 2 hours

To take the class you will have to sign up on the Stop The Bleed Coalition Training Management site at <https://training.stopthebleedcoalition.org/dashboard>. You will first have to set up a profile which will then give you access to the registration.

The sign up link is on the left side of the site. Then, follow these steps:

- After you have created a profile choose "Find a class" and make sure the ending date is June 29, 2025.
- Use the Zipcode 20874
- Click on Chapter Class
- Enter Access code Class: IWLARSTB197564

The Rockville Email Group

The Rockville Chapter operates a members-only email list for announcements and discussions among members. The newsletter comes out once a month, so the email group is the only way to stay informed about important things that occur in between newsletters. You will be added to iwlar@googlegroups.com automatically when you become a member unless you request not to be added.

You can remove your address from the list anytime, but we are hopeful that you will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

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With ammo and bayonet

\$650 OBO

Harry Petrich

Want Ads (Continued)

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Includes 102 cloth patches

- Mercury (9)
- Gemini (11)
- Spacelab (6)
- Skylab (5), Shuttle (3)
- Apollo (19)
- STS series (49)

Also includes two books, 6 pins, and "Bay Liner" material flown on STS-95.

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Contact Sandy Adler.

To place a non-commercial ad, write to the Chapter's PO Box 2255, Germantown, MD, 20875, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by the third Friday of the month.