



# Blue River Watershed Group River Clean-Up Festival

## September 16th, 2023

### Information for Volunteer Team Leaders

Thank you for volunteering to lead a team of volunteers for the annual Blue River Watershed Group - River Clean-Up Festival.

The expectations for our team leaders are listed below. If you have any questions about these duties or anything else regarding the River Cleanup, please contact the Executive Director of the Blue River Watershed Group, Kendra Fuller, at 719-838-1525 or [info@blueriverwatershed.org](mailto:info@blueriverwatershed.org).

#### Team Leader Responsibilities:

- Team Leaders are responsible for recruiting team members (up to ten per team) or help guide an assigned team to clean their designated section of the river. Each team will be assigned to a stretch of river and is asked to clean both sides or what is accessible.
- Team leaders will be the member who is the point of contact for their team during the cleanup, they are responsible for bringing supplies to their teams assigned meeting location, and they ensure documentation and record keeping is accomplished.
- Team Leaders will ensure each volunteer has registered and volunteers under 18 years of age are accompanied by an adult. This is required as the registration includes a liability waiver which must be signed BEFORE heading out to the river. Registration is completed online at <https://www.blueriverwatershed.org/watershed-festival.html>. We prefer registrations be completed prior to the day of the event, but day-of registrants are welcome as well.

#### Prior to Event:

- Team leaders will pick up all supplies for their team. Supplies are provided by Blue River Watershed Group and include: the area map, trash bags, hand sanitizer, wristbands, incident report form, and disposable gloves.
- Bring a cell phone and small first aid kit for emergencies! As the Team Leader, participants may look to you for guidance, help, or safety.
- Supplies must be brought to the team's meeting location at 9:00am by the Team Leader the morning of the Cleanup.
- **Arrange a supply pick-up September 11th, 12th, 13th or 14th at one of the following locations, by emailing [info@blueriverwatershed.org](mailto:info@blueriverwatershed.org):**
  1. Cutthroat Anglers: Open 7am-7pm, Silverthorne
  2. Breckenridge Outfitters: Open 7am-7pm, Breckenridge
  3. Stuhr & Associates: Open 8am-5pm, Frisco
  4. Cove & Craft: Open 12pm-9pm, Summit Cove



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### Day of the River Cleanup:

PRE-BRIEF MEETING (Optional) 8-8:45am on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>, just before the cleanup begins

- Team Leaders and/or interested volunteers can join us at the Frisco Marina Park (267 Marina Rd, Frisco, CO 80443) for a pre-brief meeting.
- I will overview the expectations for the day, hand out supplies to those who still need them, and answer any questions.

### AT THE CLEANUP SITE

- Meet your group at 9:00am at the meeting location and stick around the meeting location for late participants.
- Your team meeting location may have a tight parking area. You can help coordinate parking and double parking at your spot. If you are parking on the road, pull your vehicles completely off the paved shoulder.

LEAD A TEAM MEETING – Review the following prior to walking the riverbank

- Before your team begins, Team Leaders will remind the team to “tie off” any full trash bags so the trash doesn’t blow away. Trash collection locations are your Meeting Location. Leave your trash here and a truck and trailer will come pick up bags after 12:00pm.
- Ask at least one member of your team to take photos of your team, the cleanup in action, large and unique trash items, and your completed trash pile. Prizes will be given out at the Frisco Historic Park after. (See Competitive Fun for details) Take beautiful and silly photos and send them to [advancement@blueriverwatershed.org](mailto:advancement@blueriverwatershed.org), it truly helps us with funding.
- Please emphasize safety to your group. Watch out for fast sections of the river, loose rocks and other debris along riverbanks. In some areas with steep banks, be aware of how the river channels through the stretch. A good rule of thumb is that if it looks too dangerous to clean, play it safe and move on. Report that location to us and we will evaluate how to clean it at a later date.
- Sharp objects such as fishing hooks are common on the river. Please emphasize the need for shoes during the cleanup.
- Sun protection & water should be utilized by volunteers to keep them happy and healthy.
- Cleanup should be complete and trash at the meeting site by 12:00pm so volunteers are on time for the Volunteer Party and your trash bags are ready for the trash truck.

Record Keeping Checklist:

- The Team Leader will ensure all attendees are registered volunteers. Registration is completed online at <https://www.blueriverwatershed.org/river-cleanup-festival.html>.
- The Team Leader will complete an incident report form in the event there is an issue/accident/injury during the cleanup



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### COMPETITIVE FUN

- Look for your team's most interesting find; take a photo and submit it to [advancement@blueriverwatershed.org](mailto:advancement@blueriverwatershed.org) with your river section. We'll offer a fun prize for the most unique find of the day!
- Look for your team's largest item; take a photo and submit it to [advancement@blueriverwatershed.org](mailto:advancement@blueriverwatershed.org) with your team name/river section. We'll offer a fun prize for the largest piece of trash from the day!
- Count how many bags of trash you collect, take a photo of your final pile and submit it to [advancement@blueriverwatershed.org](mailto:advancement@blueriverwatershed.org) with your team name/river section. The team that collects the most will receive a prize. (This also helps us quantify our impact!)

### A few safety reminders:

- In the event of poor weather, you can decide whether your team will participate or cancel. Some teams won't be comfortable with threatening showers, but others may be fine. Discuss this among your team to ensure everyone feels comfortable. We do not have a "rain date" for the event.

\*\*\*Children under 12 who are supervised by an adult one-on-one can participate in the cleanup, but not in the river.\*\*\* Every child under 12 should be accompanied by a parent or adult who is responsible for ensuring that the child is closely supervised at all times. Things can happen quickly on the river. We encourage you to leave your dog(s) at home.

### Thank you!

After the event, please thank the members of your team. We recognize that this event would not happen without the efforts of our volunteers. Thank you for your time and enthusiasm!

Please don't hesitate to contact Kendra Fuller with the Blue River Watershed Group with any questions at 719-838-1525 or email [info@blueriverwatershed.org](mailto:info@blueriverwatershed.org). We really appreciate your support and involvement as a Team leader!

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