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OTIS Awards

In 2012, BRWA launched an award program to formally recognize those in the Battle River and Sounding Creek Watersheds who are **Outstanding In Stewardship (OTIS)**. This is an opportunity for watershed residents to look in their community and celebrate those who are implementing measures to care for the land, water, and wildlife.

Please nominate an individual, agricultural initiative, business or organization, young person or youth group.

The nomination deadline is February 28.

[Program Guidelines](#) | [Nominate your Local 2024 Stewardship Hero](#)

Workshops & Events - Join Us

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March 21, 2025, World Water Day Webinar on Glacier Preservation

Location: Online

Time: 12:30 - 1:30pm

Save the date! This year for World Water Day, Alberta's Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) are diving into the critical topic of Glacier Preservation and its impact on our water resources.



April 11, 2025, Battle River and Sounding Creek Stewardship Community of Practice Workshop

Location: BRWA Office, Mirror Lake Centre, Camrose

Time: 9am - 3pm

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BRWA is hosting an in-person gathering of the Battle River and Sounding Creek Stewardship Community of Practice. [For information and to register](#)



June 19, 2025, BRWA Annual General Meeting

Location: BRWA Office, Mirror Lake Centre, Camrose

Time: 9am - 3pm

Save the date! The OTIS Awards will be presented following the business meeting.

In & Out of the Classroom

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Nature Science + Sport Skills Combo Camp

BRWA is pleased to announce that we have teamed up with Augustana's Campus Recreation, Vikings Athletics and Environmental Science programs to run a week-long camp from July 21-25 for children ages 9-12. Half of the day, Vikings coaching staff and student-athletes will cover a variety of indoor and outdoor sports. The other half of the day, participants will explore the watershed, sample water quality, and learn about biodiversity and habitat. BRWA staff will be the science camp leaders with special activities led by Dr. Greg King, Dr. Glen Hvenegaard, and other experts. The camp will be held in Camrose at U of A, Augustana Campus. Spots are limited. Registration will open in mid-February through the U of A website.

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Call for Summer Program Partnerships

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Each year our education team collaborates with local groups to lead fun place-based watershed programming for kids and adults. Last year, these events included the Alberta Métis Fest, County of Vermilion River's Wetland Adventure Day, and Camrose summer camps. We would love to work with your organization this summer! If you have an event you would like us to attend, please contact stewardship@battleriverwatershed.ca

BRWA Youth Education Programs

There are only a few spots left for our educational field trips this spring! Book for your class or group today.

The available programs are:

- Waste in Our Watershed Tour (Gr. 4)
- Habitat Tour (Gr. 6)

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- X-Stream Science (Gr. 7-12)
- Caring For Our Watersheds (Gr. 7-12)

[Request a Spring Field Trip](#)



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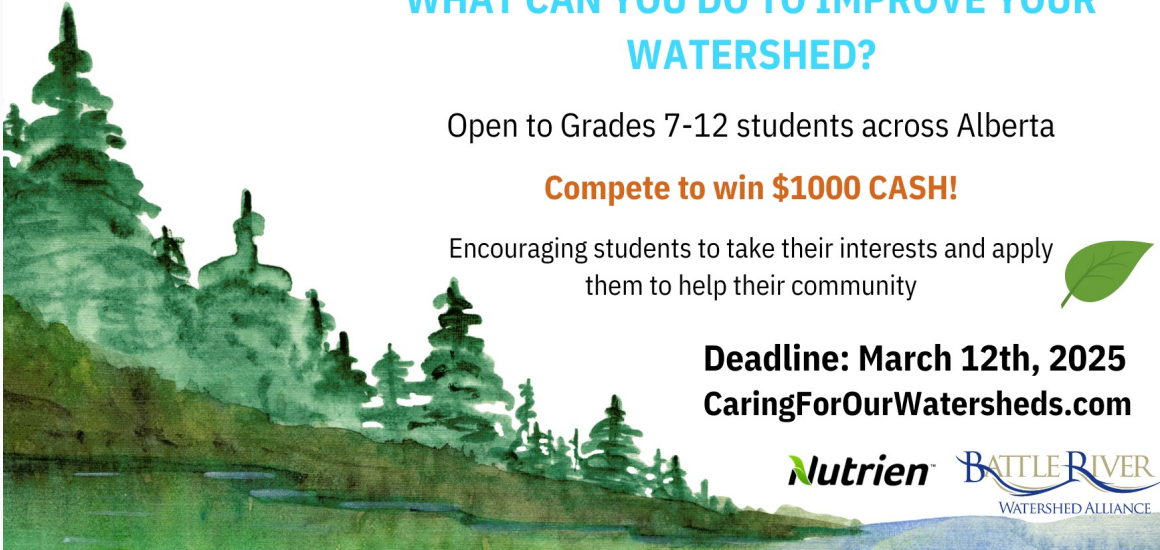
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Take Me Outside Winter Challenge

Get your class outside during the annual Take Me Outside Winter Challenge! This fun and inspiring initiative invites educators, students, and outdoor enthusiasts to embrace the beauty of winter by spending as much time outside as possible from February 24 to March 7.

[More on the Winter Challenge](#)

Water Matters



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Invasive Species Awareness Week - February 24 to March 2

In December 2024, a new Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force released a Recommendation Report with key measures to combat the spread of aquatic invasive species, with particular emphasis on invasive mussels. The report highlights that AIS pose a significant threat to Alberta's aquatic ecosystems and water infrastructure. These non-native species, including invasive mussels, plants, and fish, often outcompete native species due to a lack of natural predators. They disrupt aquatic ecosystems, cause costly damage to water infrastructure, and negatively impact recreation and tourism.

We all have a role to play. *Clean, Drain and Dry* your watercraft when moving between water bodies and *Don't Let it Loose*. Never release aquarium pets, water garden plants, live food (example: fish, crabs, mollusks) or live bait into rivers, streams, lakes, ponds or storm sewers. In sport fishing, never move a sport fish from one body of water to another.

[Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force Recommendations](#)

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The Alliance



Camrose for a Bird Friendly City

BRWA has joined a team of enthusiastic individuals who are working towards designating Camrose a Bird Friendly City! The team is made up of representatives from Augustana, Camrose & District Fish and Game Association, the City of Camrose Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, Ducks Unlimited Canada, BRWA, and the Wildrose Outdoor Club.

[Bird Friendly City Certification Program](#)

Partner Events

- [Kids Can Catch, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association](#), February 15, 2025
 - [Building a Strategy for Wetlands Webinar](#), February 19, 2025
 - [Prairie Conservation Forum's Grassland Vegetation Inventory Needs Assessment Survey](#), Deadline: February 20, 2025
 - [Water Management in Canada's Boreal Conference](#), February 25-26, 2025
 - [Beaver Hills Biosphere 2025 Open House, Forum and Youth Summit](#), March 11-13, 2025
 - [Working Well Workshops](#), various dates and locations
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Opportunities for Municipal Staff & Elected Officials

- [Green Municipal Fund Communities of Practice](#)
- [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#)

In Other News

- [Fighting the spread of aquatic invasive species](#)
- [As bird flu concerns grow, Alberta researchers hope to launch wastewater monitoring for livestock](#)
- [Canada's water governance and management systems threaten the country's water supply](#)
- [Central Alberta coyote hunt aims to bring predator's population under control](#)

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