

QUARTERLY REPORT - APRIL 2026

Upcoming Events

- [Wainwright BioBlitz and Community Watershed Day](#), June 6
- 2nd 'Great Divide' Tree Planting, Beaver Hills Biosphere, June 7
- AGM and 20th Anniversary Bus Tour, June 18
- Riparian Portal [101](#) & [102](#) Free Information Sessions, June 30

BLOGGING THE BATTLE - Local Environment & Community Insights

April 22, 2026 - [Naturalize Your Lawn to Protect Pollinators](#)

April 8, 2026 - [Battle-Tested: Climate Adaptation in the Basin](#)

New Board Member

April 16, 2026 - BRWA welcomes Richard Waddell, MD of Wainwright No. 61 (Division 3)

Announcing the finalists in the Caring For Our Watersheds Contest

April 8, 2026 - We are excited to be hosting the Alberta Caring for Our Watersheds Finals at the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin on Friday, May 22! This year's contest features eleven projects from schools in Bonnyville, Calgary, Cardston, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat, Okotoks, and Red Deer. Best of luck to the finalists! [News Release](#)

Winter LakeKeepers

March 13, 2026 — Staff completed winter lake sampling at Dried Meat and Coal lakes. Through citizen science and the Alberta Lake Management Society's Winter LakeKeepers program, BRWA is improving our understanding of lake health. Thanks to volunteers Logan (U of A Augustana), Lynn Carwell, and Heather Marshall. [Winter LakeKeepers](#) | [Call for volunteers - Lake & River Observers](#)

Spring Field Trips Fully Subscribed

Our Grade 4 to 12 Watershed Education Programs are all booked for the season. There is no charge for these science-based programs, and busing costs for schools may be covered. Groups of homeschool students are also eligible. [About the Youth Programs](#) | [Sign Up for a Fall Field Trip or Presentation](#)

Nature Science + Sports Skills Combo Camp, August 10-14

BRWA, UofA Augustana's Campus Recreation, Vikings Athletics, and Environmental Science are working together to host the 2nd annual camp for children ages 9-12. BRWA is offering two bursaries. A poster for the event is attached. Please share it in your community. [Register](#) | [Bursary](#)

Call for Stories & Photos of Local Bridges

BRWA is creating a photo essay for our 20th Anniversary (Dec. 6, 2026) and is seeking bridge photos from the Battle River and Sounding Creek watershed. Please include the location and any personal story or connection.

Contact: Sheila@battleriverwatershed.ca

Government of Alberta Watershed Updates

- [Amendments to Alberta's Water Act](#)
- [Start of 2026 wildfire season: Minister Loewen](#)





NATURE SCIENCE + SPORTS SKILLS SUMMER CAMP

AUGUST 10-14

Enjoy 5 days of discovery!

Children ages 9–12 try different sports with Viking coaches and explore the watershed guided by the Battle River Watershed Alliance.



**Scan for
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and
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RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL

ONLINE WORKSHOPS SPRING 2026

The Riparian Web Portal is a free resource that showcases riparian intactness and restoration/conservation projects on an interactive map, as well as hosting riparian educational resources.

This resource is across Canada, with riparian intactness data currently just within Alberta but we are open to partnerships to widen this data set.

Riparian 101: April 30 from 10am- Noon MT

This online training is for anyone who wants to learn about the Riparian Web Portal. Explore how data is processed, how you can view and use the data, and where to find resources to help enhance riparian intactness.

Sign Up Here <http://bit.ly/4t5lgok>

Riparian 102: April 30 from 1-3pm MT

This additional training is for those working for organizations doing riparian restoration and conservation work (i.e. eNGO's, municipalities, agriculture groups, universities). It will train you how to upload and showcase your projects through a private login portal.

Sign Up Here <https://bit.ly/4mme5GE>

These workshops will be hosted again in Fall 2026

Can't make it to these presentations but want a walk through before the Fall? Reach out to Michelle at michelle.harris@nswa.ab.ca

Explore the RWP at: riparian.info

