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Annual Creekfest cleanup and festival celebrates Eagle Creek

The 3rd annual [Creekfest](#) on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. celebrates Eagle Creek through recreation, stewardship and education. The core activity of Creekfest is the annual stream cleanup at 9 a.m. – an opportunity to beautify the community and protect Zionsville waterways. This year’s Creekfest will feature activities and a larger, more ambitious section of Eagle Creek for the cleanup portion.

Creekfest participants can browse more than 13 booths and participate in activities including Creekstomp for kids with Zion Nature Center, rain barrel painting with SullivanMunce and other educational booths. Wild Creek Outfitters will offer kayak demonstrations, plus participants can try fly fishing with Project Healing Waters and bass casting with DNR. Dumpster Drummers will perform at 10:30 a.m. and noon.

What began in 2013 as a traditional stream cleanup has grown into a festival celebration of Eagle Creek. In 2015, 90 volunteers (and 181 total festival participants) helped clean the creek removing a log jam and more than 2,000 pounds of trash from two miles of Eagle Creek (last year’s event was cancelled due to rain and lightning).

“Creekfest is a great way for us to provide activities for all ages and walks of life and to educate the public about water quality challenges,” said Gavin Merriman, Assistant Superintendent - Stormwater. “We want to encourage Zionsville residents to get out and enjoy Eagle Creek through recreation and stewardship.”

Volunteers participating in the cleanup need to [pre-register](#) by Aug. 10. Volunteers will meet at the former Citgo lot at 420 S. Main Street for a cleanup overview and transportation to cleanup locations. Limited parking is available at Elm Street Green with additional off-site parking in the Village and the Citgo lot (attendees are encouraged to carpool, bike or walk). Creekfest T-shirts (limited quantity) and lunch, courtesy of Zionsville Pizzeria, will be provided to cleanup volunteers. For more information and event updates visit www.zionsville-in.gov/creekfest.

Creekfest is a partnership between Zionsville Parks & Recreation, Zionsville Street & Stormwater Department, the Boone County Solid Waste Management District and local stream enthusiast and Zionsville resident Todd Settle. Thank you to Creekfest sponsors: Akard True Value Hardware; Beam, Longest and Neff; Citizens Energy Group; Clay Township Regional Waste District; GreenCycle; Mobi Wireless Management; Ray’s Trash Service; Rundell Ernstberger Associates; Wildcat Creek Outfitters; Zionsville Community Schools; Zionsville Insurance; and Zionsville Pizzeria.

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