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The WATER Center is a project of the City of Wichita's Department of Environmental Services

New Exhibit Opening in November

Over a dozen water learning exhibits are envisioned for the WATER Center's hands-on museum. The Aquarium Panels and the Our River exhibit have already been installed.

Beginning November 12th, Taylor Studios Inc. will install the latest edition to the "Captive Flow" exhibition.

The newest display focuses on water conservation in the outdoors and the relationship of good soil to water quality.

During installation, the WATER Center will remain open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1 PM—4:30 PM.



Taylor Studios Inc., designed the WATER Center's exhibits and will continue production as grants and funding becomes available.

Programs for October—December

Fish Tales

Second Tuesdays—10:00 AM
Ages 2-6, Free

No registration needed

Join the WATER Center staff for story time and a nature surprise! This program is designed for Pre-K aged children, but all are welcome to attend.

Senior Wednesdays

First Wednesdays—1:30 PM
Active Adults

No registration needed

- **October 3:** World Water Monitoring Day
- **November 7:** Arkansas River Video
- **December 5:** Holiday Party at the Wichita Art museum at 10 AM

art21: Season 4

Preview Party
Ecology Episode
October 23rd—6:30 PM

No registration needed

Episode Description:

How is our understanding of the natural world deeply cultural? Episode Three delves into the work of four artists who explore the relationship of nature and culture, including the submission of wilderness to civilization, the foundations of scientific knowledge, the impact of technology on biology, and our relationship to the earth forged by working the land.

Local artist, Kim Card, will lead the group in a discussion after the preview.

To find out more about this episode, including classroom activities, log on to www.pbs.org/art21

Youth Volunteer Days

Ages 8-15, Free

Pre-registration Required: 337-9262

- **November 29th:** 2-4 PM
- **December 21st:** 2-4 PM

That's a Lot of Water!

In the first weeks of October 2007, the WATER Center will reach a new milestone. The treatment equipment will have process 2 billion gallons of contaminated groundwater from the Gilbert-Mosley Project.

Before the cleanup is complete, the WATER Center will have treated between 16.5 and 25 billion gallons of groundwater!

Meetings & Events

Visitors are welcome to attend any of the following meetings held each month at the WATER Center.

October

- 3rd **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
- 10th **Wichita Area Paddlers**
6:30-9:00 PM

November

- 7th **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
- 12th **Arkansas River Coalition**
Board Meeting
6:00-9:30 PM
- 14th **Wichita Area Paddlers**
6:30-9:00 PM

December

- 5th **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
- 12th **Wichita Area Paddlers**
6:30-9:00 PM

Open 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Closed Holidays

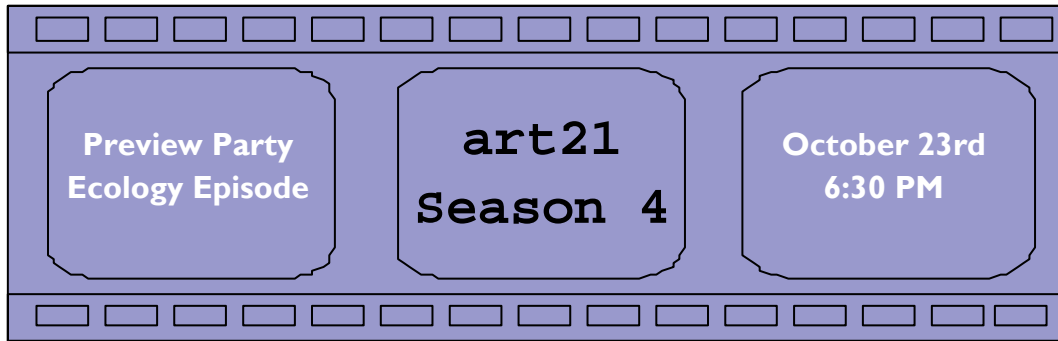
The WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee
is located in:

Herman Hill Park
Open daily sunrise to sunset
18-hole disc golf course
Accessible trails
Playground equipment
Picnic areas

Skateboarding, swimming and fishing
are prohibited



FISH FEEDINGS
Every
Monday and Friday
3:00 PM



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World Water Monitoring Day



The World Water Monitoring Day event invites citizens to experience water monitoring first hand to evaluate conditions within their local watershed. The data collected as part of the World Water Monitoring Day effort will be entered into a global database that stores all information collected during the monitoring period.

“We want our community to understand how and where the Arkansas River is sampled and tested on a regular basis as well as to obtain results of the City’s past studies,” states D. Kay Johnson, Director of Environment Services. “Citizens will be able to analyze their own samples to determine first hand Arkansas River water quality. Getting the community involved in river water testing is a great way to provide a

hands-on experience and an opportunity to talk with experts on the issues that exist in our local watershed and the Arkansas River.”

To get involved, contact the WATER Center at 337-9262. Or to start your own World Water Monitoring Day event, log on to www.worldwatermonitoringday.org