



Happenings H₂O Observations

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The WATER Center is a project of the City of Wichita's Public Works Department

New Exhibits Installed

The City of Wichita's WATER Center has two new permanent exhibits that educate visitors about conservation and the mysteries of water.

"Water: A Magic Molecule" lets visitors discover why water is called "h₂O," why water is good at dissolving and why some animals can walk across the surface of

water, while "Water With Care" challenges visitors to thinking about how much water they use each day.

The new exhibits are funded through grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Kansas Health Foundation, the Forrest C. Lattner Foundation and other general donations.

W.W.M.D.

The WATER Center will join others around the globe in celebrating World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD). During September and October groups may contact the WATER Center to schedule a WWMD program.



Meetings & Events

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

September

- 1st **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
- 6th **Arkansas River Coalition**
6:00-9:00 PM

October

- 6th **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM

November

- 3rd **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
- 8th **Arkansas River Coalition**
6:00-9:00 PM

December

- 1st **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM

Senior Wednesdays

First Wednesdays—1:30 PM

Active Adults - No registration needed

Senior Wednesdays are informational and entertaining sessions, designed for active seniors and offered by a collaboration of ten institutions.

Funding for this project was provided in part by the Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita, KS. The Kansas Health Foundation is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to improve the health of all Kansans.

September 1: *Sullivan's Dam* by Libby Albers.

Long before the Lincoln Street Dam, Sullivan's Dam, on the Little Arkansas River, shaped early Wichita.

October 6: *Dousing for History* by Vince Marshall

Water and wells come to mind, but dousing can be used to locate lost grave sites too.

November 3: *Your Water Footprint* by Kay Drennen

It's all about how much water we really need for quality of life without undermining life itself.

December 1: HOLIDAY PARTY—10 AM at the Wichita Art Museum

FISH FEEDINGS

Every Monday and Friday
3:00 PM

Museum is Open From:
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**

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The WATER Center

Fall & Winter Programs—2010



Droplets 0-7 years old

FISH TALES **FREE**
2nd Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 AM
No registration needed

Join the WATER Center staff for story time and a nature activity! This program is designed for Pre-K aged children, but all are welcome to attend. Looking for more “wet” reading? Check out your local library for more tales!

September 14: *Scoot* by Cathryn Falwell. Activity: Make a craft turtle!
October 12: *Trout Are Made Of Trees* by April Pulley Sayre. Activity: Create a tree picture.
November 9: *The Pout-Pout Fish* By Deborah Diesen. Activity: Make a fish.
December 14: *When Winter Comes* by Nancy Van Laan. Activity: Create a sparkling snowy scene

TOT TUESDAYS

3rd Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 AM
FEE: \$4 covers 1 adult + 1 child, \$2 for each additional child over 12 months
No registration needed, pay-at-the-door

The WATER Center, Sedgwick County Zoo, and Exploration Place, are combining the fun to bring you educational activities for your 3-5 year olds each month. Siblings are welcome but classes are geared to 3-5 year olds.

Monthly Themes:

Colors and Camouflage	September 21
Things That Go Bump in the Night	October 19
Turkey Talk	November 16

Water Wonder Family Programs All Ages

The “Water Wonder” Family Programs are designed specifically for family groups who want to learn more about water-related topics. Come discover why water is so unique and amazing, what creatures survive in soggy habitats, water conservation techniques, local water history, and more!

The “Water Wonder Family Programs” are economical:
\$20 for a group of one to six people
Additional individuals are \$5 each.

Pre-registration Required: Payment must be received along with registration.

CREEKIN' \$20/GROUP

September 7, 1:30 PM—3:00 PM
 We had so much fun this summer that we are going to squeeze in one more walk in the creek for fall!. *Please wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy.*

FAMILY B.i.T. \$20/GROUP

December 30, 1:30 PM—3:00 PM
 We'll do some fun activities—including building a fish with all the participants—from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services' Biologist-in-Training program. Participating families/groups will receive a certificate and patch.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration Will Close
5 Days Before the Program Date

Participant (s) Name: _____
 Address: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 If Under 18, what age(s) : _____
 Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date	Program	Fee	Number	Total
___ 9/7	YVD	\$0	___	___
___ 9/7	Creekin'	\$20	___	___
___ 10/14	YVD	\$0	___	___
___ 11/12	YVD	\$0	___	___
___ 12/30	Family BiT	\$20	___	___

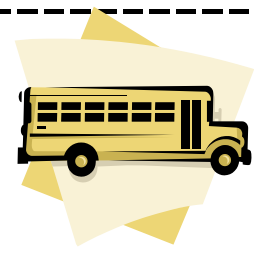
TOTAL FEE _____

Mail Registration to:
PROGRAMS - WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, KS 67211

Youth Volunteer Days 8-18 Year-Olds

YOUTH VOLUNTEER DAYS **FREE**
Tuesday, September 7 10:00—11:30 AM
Thursday, October 14 10:00—11:30 AM
Friday, November 12 10:00—11:30 AM
Pre-registration Required—Class limit 8

To register, use the “Program Registration” form or call/email program coordinator, Libby Albers at: 316-337-9262 or lalbers@wichita.gov. Youth volunteer days are often scheduled in conjunction with USD259's In-service Days. Youth should dress to be outside in clothing that may get dirty and/or wet and wear sturdy shoes. Participants will help the WATER Center staff with special projects in the park.



Field Trips

Teachers! Looking for a new destination that will also meet State Standards and Indicators? Try the WATER Center!

- Our field trips incorporate:**
- Science as Inquiry
 - Investigative learning
 - Life Science
 - History and Nature of Science
 - Science in Personal and Environmental Perspectives

Customize your field trip to include activities that meet your classroom goals.

- Some options include:
- Tour of the remediation plant
 - Water sampling of the creek and river
 - Macro-invertebrate investigation
 - Build a watershed
 - Conservation activities
 - Journey through the water cycle

Call today to book your trip! 316-337-9262