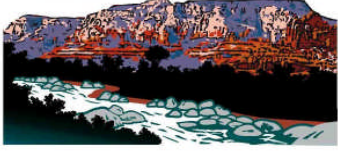


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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR MASTER WATERSHED STEWARD PROGRAM
Applications still being accepted

Sedona, AZ - The Oak Creek Watershed Council (OCWC) and the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension are pleased to announce that the Joe Swavely Watershed Education Fund is offering scholarships to a limited number of qualified applicants.

“Joe Swavely was a volunteer’s volunteer” said Barry Allan, Executive Director of the OCWC. “He volunteered his time for many years with the Friends of the Forest, and later on the Oak Creek Watershed Council, serving on the Board of Directors until his passing two years ago. This Fund is a fitting legacy for Joe who was 91 years old and still willing to give back to society the most precious commodity he owned---his time. Giving back is not a trait you are born with---it’s a learned experience, and we hope Joe’s story is an inspiration to others who would like to learn more about our watershed, and volunteer their time.”

The Master Watershed Steward Program is an intensive sixteen week, adult-oriented course that will educate and train participants in all aspects of Oak Creek watershed issues. Participants will learn the basics of hydrology, climate, geology, ecology, water quality, and water management among other topics. No previous experience is required. Classes will be taught by University of Arizona faculty as well as other professionals from our area and around the state. Those who complete the class will be offered unique volunteer opportunities with the Oak Creek Watershed Council to monitor and protect the health of Oak Creek.

The Oak Creek Watershed Council is committed to preserving the integrity of Oak Creek and recognizes that its stewardship must be part of the watershed community culture.

Classes begin Thursday, March 3, 2011, and will be held every Thursday afternoon from 1 PM to 5 PM through June 16th at the KSB Pushmataha Center, 360 Brewer Road in Sedona. Four classes will be Saturday field trips. The cost is \$95.00, which includes the Master Watershed Steward guide and all handouts, as well as field trip transportation/expenses.

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Applications continue to come in and **are due by February 18th, 2011**, but a maximum of 24 people will be accepted for this class. Late applications will be added to a reserve list.

The course outline is on our website at <http://www.oakcreekwatershed.org/MWS-Course-Outline.pdf>

For more information or to request an application, please contact:

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