



Prescott Creekside E-News



January 2013

Disney Raffle

Prescott Creeks is holding a raffle for four single-day Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure park hopper tickets. Raffle proceeds will benefit the annual Granite Creek Cleanup, which will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Granite Creek Cleanup, and winner need not be present. These tickets allow four people a full day of entrance to both of the Disney parks in California. The tickets are good through 7/30/14. The set of four is valued at \$500. Raffle tickets \$5 each, 3 raffle tickets for \$10, or 6 raffle tickets for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the Prescott Creeks office located at 822 W. Gurley Street in Prescott. Tickets are a donation from Disney to support the [Granite Creek Cleanup](#).



Winter at Watson Woods



Winter has come to Watson Woods. Check out pictures of the winter wonderland the Preserve and the rest of our beautiful creek ageas become during the snow [here](#). We'll be updating it throughout the winter.

Winter Creek Walk



Join Prescott Creeks for a Winter Creek Walk on Friday, January 25th, 5pm at Granite Creek Park near the La Guardia

Watershed Improvement



The WIC



recently submitted a revised Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP), known as WIP 2.0, for the upper Granite Creek

Watershed. The revised plan consists of a menu of Best Management Practices, or BMPs, that can be implemented by individuals and the jurisdictional entities in the watershed. The plan is available for viewing online [here](#).

bridge. Hike the Greenways trail through West Granite Creek Park to see the historic Miller Creek bridge, then up the Granite Creek trail past the Community Garden. Learn the history of Prescott Creeks, it's connection to the trail, and plans for the future. It will be getting dark and might be chilly. Trails are relatively level, but dirt. Walk is weather dependant.



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February 2013

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Granite Creek Cleanup Save the Date & Pre-Registration

On **Saturday, April 20, 2013**, Prescott Creeks will once again host the annual Granite Creek Cleanup, and we would like you to be a part of this important community event. Last year 650



volunteers removed 3 ½ tons of trash from our local creeks and lakes – making the Prescott area a nicer place for everyone. Of that, approximately 1 ½ tons was upcycled into art materials. This is a chance for us all to enjoy cleaner creeks and a more beautiful area.

Pre-registration is available here: <http://granitecreekcleanup2013.eventbrite.com/>

There are many ways to support the CleanUp in addition to volunteering the day of. In-kind donations of supplies, membership support and business sponsorship all ensure that volunteers have the support and supplies they need on Cleanup day. For more information on sponsoring this event, email our Outreach and Communications Director, [Ann-Marie Benz](#).

Watson Woods Update

Vision, Mission and Values



During the last quarter of 2012, the final monitoring events for the Watson Woods Restoration Project were conducted for geomorphology, botany, macroinvertebrate zoology, herpetology, and ornithology, with results summarized briefly online [here](#).



Has updated our Mission, Vision and Values statements. Our newly updated information is available [here](#).



Granite Dells Resort



Imagine. The old Granite Dells Resort. Smack dab in the heart of the Granite Dells, surrounding Granite Creek. Undoubtedly, it is one of Prescott's natural and historic gems. Read more on the Granite Dells Resort [here](#).

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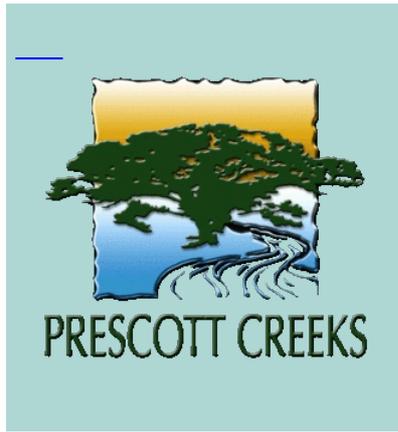
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Join Us for an Evening with **Prescott Creeks** at Granite Mountain Brewing



Join us for an evening with [Prescott Creeks](#) at [Granite Mountain Brewing](#) to celebrate [Arizona Gives Day](#) on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 5 to 7 pm at 123 N. Cortez St.

Meet the Board and Staff of Prescott Creeks, hear about on-going projects in Watson Woods and throughout the watershed, and enjoy the brewery's "Social Wednesdays" -with \$1 off pints!

[Arizona Gives Day](#) is a one day, statewide online movement to harness the giving power of the community to strengthen the fundraising capacity of Arizona nonprofits.

If you can't join us, you can make a difference in supporting clean water, healthy habitat, and protecting our creeks by [giving on-line](#).

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Granite Creek CleanUp

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Disneyland Ticket Raffle



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Watson Woods: Invasives



Invasive species are a BIG problem. The United Nations has stated invasive species are second only to direct habitat destruction as the



Sponsorship opportunities still available. Make a difference in the creeks by supporting our annual Granite Creek CleanUp by emailing [Ann-Marie](#).



greatest threat to decreasing global ecological diversity. [Here](#) is what is happening with invasive species at Watson Woods.

Watershed: Market-Based Programs

Innovative market-based strategies for watershed protection and restoration have doubled globally since 2008. To learn more about this interesting approach to planning see [Amanda's blog](#).

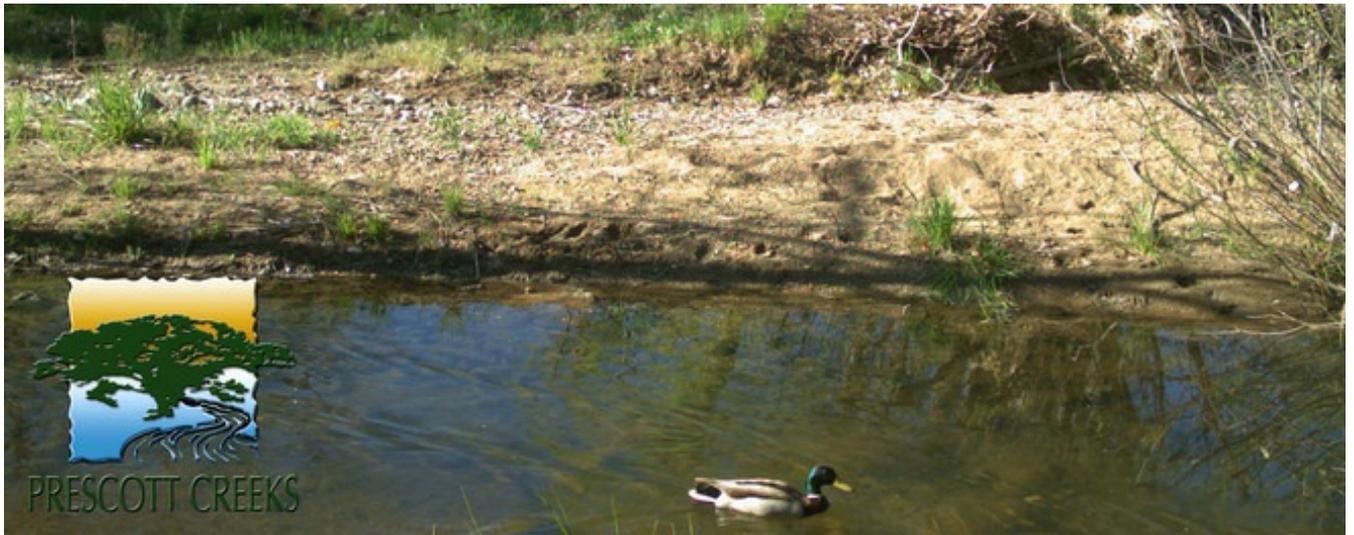


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Granite Creek Cleanup

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported this year's Cleanup! You made a big difference. Our creeks, lakes and trails are healthier and happier. We couldn't have done it without the great [sponsors](#) and volunteers.

- 500+ People
- 3.8 Tons of trash and recyclables
- 38 tires
- Approximately 1 ton of upcycled materials went home with people
- Whole new sections of creek were cleaned. As we have more people come out, we are covering more ground.



[Photos of the event](#) were provided by David Cottle, our creek-cleaning photographer extraordinaire.

Stormwater and Students



Why Do You Volunteer?

We want to know why you care to share!





Flood of ideas: Northpoint students make pitch for cleaner water in area creeks, lakes

There was no shortage of ideas as students from Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy worked on what has been a persistent community problem - the condition of the water in Prescott's creeks and lakes.



After spending months testing and evaluating the runoff water that flows into Granite Creek, the students were ready this week to take their results and their solutions to the community.

[Cindy Barks reported for the Courier on this interesting project.](#)

Local creeks organization gets grant award from ADEQ



[An ongoing effort to improve water quality in Granite Creek and Watson Lake took another step forward this week with a grant award.](#)



To participate, click Reply to Email and share the following information: read the 7 Motivations listed below, and let us know you're top three reasons.

- A. Companionship supporting life _____
- B. Show love through kindness _____
- C. Overcome fear of loss _____
- D. Passion to preserve beauty _____
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- F. Sincerity to honor splendor _____

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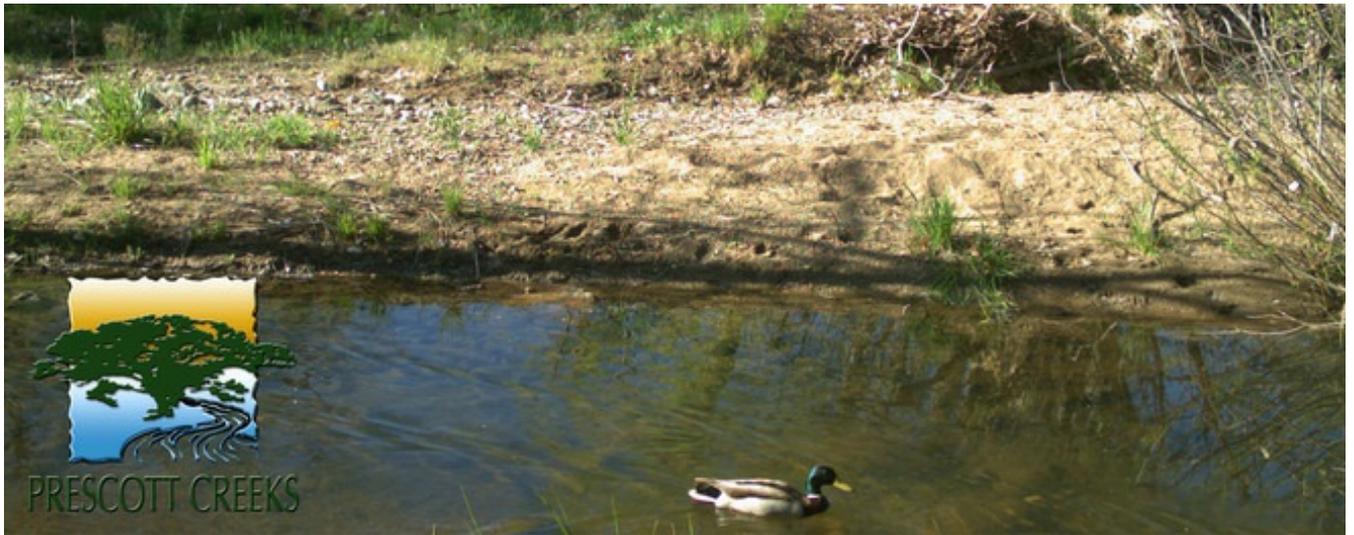
Your Age _____
 Your Gender _____
 Years you've volunteered HERE _____
 Did you do this Survey at the Granite Creek Cleanup? ___ Yes ___ No

Thank you for sharing today!

This survey is conducted at NO COST to Prescott Creeks by YC College Students, Course REL 273, Spring Semester 2013 with kind assistance from Brent Roberts Service Learning - Yavapai College, Prescott

Watch for a report of the compiled responses in the next E-News.





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[See Watson Woods](#) and some of the reason why it is listed as an [Important Bird Area](#).

From nesting Anna's Humming Birds to flying Great Blue Herons, the [Watson and Willow Lakes Ecosystem IBA](#) (including Watson Woods) is a draw for those feathered, and furry.

Join Prescott Creeks in celebrating creeks during [Flourish Before the Flood](#)

to see other upcoming creek-related event on [our calendar](#).

aifference for the long term by becoming a member of Prescott Creeks.

One of central Arizona's most important assets is its natural beauty - supported by healthy natural areas.

With your ongoing membership dues you make a difference for nature protection, pollution control, and wildlife conservation. Your membership makes a difference to families, children and students by providing them with protected areas and clean water, not only now, but for future generations.



Here is what you can do... Invest in a Prescott Creeks membership today.

All members will receive a Member decal, The Creekside Almanac newsletter, E-News updates, and special invitations to events. Most importantly, as a member you have the satisfaction of knowing that your voice joins with many others in the chorus to protect local creeks, lakes, and overall quality of life in central Arizona.

You can join securely online

If you've already joined, Thank You!





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July 2013

**But sound aloud the praises, and give the victor-crown
To our noble-hearted Firemen, who fear not danger's frown.
~Frederic G.W. Fenn,
"Ode to our Firemen"
1878**



Rivers and Water

The State of the Verde River



The Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club has released the Going With the Flow report, summarizing the results of over five years of volunteer flow monitoring on the upper

Prescott Creeks supports Western Rivers Initiative

In the arid West we are all connected by rivers; they are the lifeblood of our land, our economy, our way of life. Western rivers, like the Colorado River and its tributaries, provide water for tens of millions of people, including twenty-two Native American tribes and the major cities of Denver, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Tucson.

We aren't alone in our reliance on western rivers. Many birds in our flyway depend on these river habitats.

Unfortunately the health of these rivers and the livelihood of the people and the wildlife that depend on them are in jeopardy. A combination of drought, invasive species, over-allocation and unsustainable management are running our rivers dry. Many of the birds that depend on them, like the Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Bell's Vireo, are in decline, and the

Verde River by the Arizona Water Sentinels, a grassroots citizen science program that focuses on monitoring and protecting Arizona rivers and streams.

We all love the Verde. [Learn more about this Important topic.](#)

Join

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DONATE NOW

future of the communities and economies surrounding the rivers is uncertain.

However, we can help. Together we can advocate for conservation actions that will increase river flow, enhance the health of our environment and restore valuable wetlands and forests.

[Click here to join Audubon's Western Rivers Action Network](#) as we rise to this historic challenge to create healthier western rivers for the birds, wildlife and people.



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Protection, Restoration, Education and Advocacy



Healthy Creeks for Healthy Communities

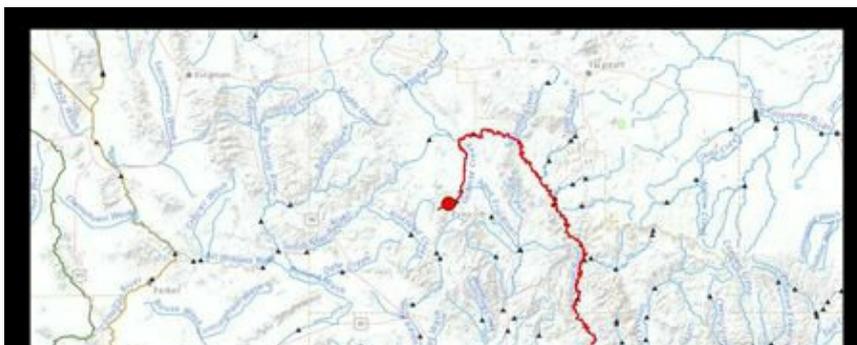
Ann-Marie Benz from Prescott Creeks and Amanda Richardson from the City of Prescott discuss [water quality in the Upper Granite Creek Watershed](#) at Citizen's Water Advocacy's July meeting. [This hour long video](#) overviews the watershed, surface water quality, and future projects to improve water quality throughout the watershed.

An Interpretive Program from Start to Finish:



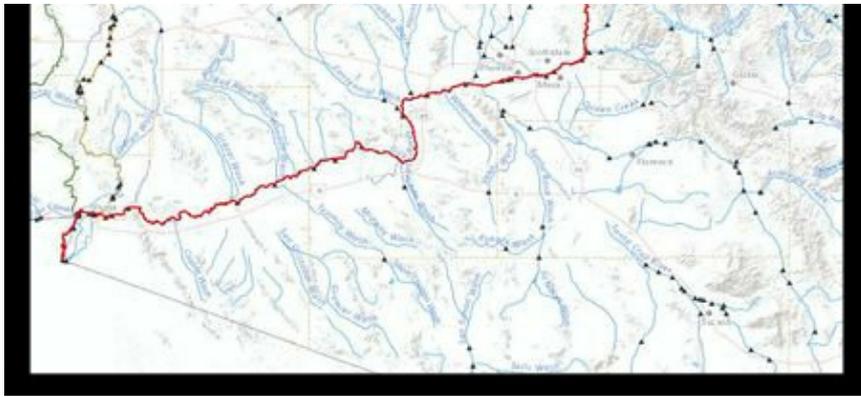
The [Watershed Company](#) discusses the design of Watson Woods new interpretive signs. [Visit Watson Woods](#) to see the new interpretive trails.

Where Do Your Creeks Come From? Where Do They Go?



Western Rivers Action Network [Protecting Our Rivers Workshop](#)

When:



A new [online tool](#) released by the Department of the Interior this week allows users to select any major stream and trace it up to its sources or down through its watershed. The photo above shows the route from the headwaters of Granite Creeks down through all of its connections until it reaches Baja.

Follow the path of our local creeks, or any waterway in the country, to through their journey toward the ocean.

August 17, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm (light breakfast and lunch included)

Where:

Highlands Center for Natural History, 1375 S. Walker Road, Prescott

RSVP [Sarah Luna](#)

A River Runs Through It

Check out this online [art auction](#) going to support the Verde River.



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Protect * Preserve * Restore

Need A New Pair of Shoes?

[Patagonia Advocate Weeks](#) is October 17- 31. As part of [Patagonia](#)'s membership with [1% for the Planet](#), Advocate Weeks is a program designed to support locally based, environmentally centric, non-profit organizations.

This year the [Hike Shack](#) is pairing with [Patagonia](#) to support Prescott Creeks during Advocate Week. For every pair of Patagonia Shoes sold at the [Hike Shack](#) from October 17th - 31st Patagonia and the [Hike Shack](#) will each donate \$10 to Prescott Creeks.



We're Hiring

The **Conservation Coordinator** is the main Prescott Creeks staff member responsible for the development, planning, implementation, and management of watershed preservation, restoration, enhancement, and mitigation projects complementary to the organization's mission.

Responsible for many behind the scenes and day-to-day efforts, the **Office Manager** is essential to achievement of the Prescott Creeks mission. Bookkeeping, grant tracking and billing, membership database management, and coordination with staff, Board and committee members are this growth-oriented organization. Successful applicants will demonstrate passion for the environment and possess significant relevant experience, along with a sense of humor. Part-time.

More [information is available through our website](#).

SAVE THE DATES:

SHACK

Educational Expeditions

Educational Expeditions is a local company dedicated to provide adult adventurers with a high-level experiential-educational adventure in Costa Rica. As a way to support local nature conservation-related organizations, they are offering to donate 20% of our profits for every Prescott Creek member who joins one of their trips. [More information is available through their website.](#)

GRANITE CREEK CLEANUP

Saturday, April 19, 2014

9 - 11 am

ONE MAN'S TREASURE

Saturday, May 3, 2014

4 - 8:30 pm

Crossroads Center at
Prescott College Campus

Enjoy a unique art exhibit with live and silent auctions while you sip wine and partake in specially-prepared gourmet appetizers. Our featured fine art celebrates upcycled materials and Prescott's riparian treasures created by some of our finest local artists. Donation of \$40.00 includes art exhibit, wine, appetizers and opportunities to bid at live and silent auctions. Help us reach our goal of keeping our streams, lakes and rivers clean and healthy.



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What do you love about central Arizona?

If you are like many of us, at least part of that love is the natural beauty of the area – the lakes, the forests and grasslands, and the verdant creeks gently winding their way downstream from the mountains. Prescott Creeks exists to protect nature, control water pollution and conserve wildlife. Your contributions to Prescott Creeks make this possible.



[Please donate today in support of Prescott Creeks.](#)



Holiday Cards Available

Prescott Creeks and the Friends of JS Acker Park are kicking off the holiday season with the 19th annual Prescott holiday card to benefit the on-going work of these organizations in our community. The 2013 card image by Cliff Cross shows the Prescott Courthouse lit up for the holidays. [Cards are available at these local retailers.](#)



Welcome our new Conservation Coordinator

Franklin is very excited to join Prescott Creeks as the Conservation Coordinator. After working on developing conservation monitoring programs for designated wilderness areas in Alaska, he is eager to return to Arizona and get to work improving water quality for the community of Prescott. He looks forward to getting to know the streams in Prescott and all the people who enjoy them.



Although Franklin does not have a favorite creek in Prescott yet, he has enjoyed spending time studying and wading through the Bill Williams River in Arizona.



Welcome our New Office Manager

Holly Smailey is an Arizona native and has lived in Prescott for over 15 years. She has worked in the non-profit sector for all of her professional career. Prescott Creeks was a natural choice for her join up with, as she has been volunteering for the agency over the last year. When Holly is not working or attending class, she enjoys spending time outdoors, hiking, running, gardening, camping or spending quality time with her three children.

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