



# The Creekside E-News

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## Bring Nature Back...

March 24, 2009

The Watson Woods Riparian Preserve Restoration Project has officially broken ground. As Preserve Managers, Prescott Creeks has spent the last several years diligently researching, planning and securing over \$1 million worth of funding for the Watson Woods Restoration Project. The five-year project will address habitat and water quality issues along the lower portion of Granite Creek through habitat restoration. Activities involved will include relocating four reaches of the creek, creating a functional floodplain and six ephemeral wetlands, along with the planting of over 15,000 local riparian trees and several native grasses.



First flow of the new channel near the southern entrance of Watson Woods



ACE crew gathers for quick picture before heading home for the holidays

## Thank you to all the volunteers!

Prescott Creeks would like to thank all the volunteers and organizations that have helped with preparation work for the Watson Woods Restoration Project. Over 250 volunteers have donated an estimated 2,200 volunteers hours since the project began in December 2008. It is expect that throughout March and April an additional 300 volunteers from across our community and around the world will assist with additional restoration activities. As a public land and community resource your support is key to the projects success!

## Calendar of Volunteer Opportunities

### Watson Woods Restoration Project

Date	Time	Task	# of Volunteers
April 2	9-5	Bank Stabilization	7 people
April 3	9-5	Planting Trees	7 people
April 4	9-5	Planting Trees	7 people
April 5	9-5	Planting Grasses	7 people
April 6	9-5	Bank Stabilization	7 people
April 7	9-5	Bank Stabilization	7 people
April 10	9-5	Bank Stabilization	15 people
April 11	9-5	Bank Stabilization	15 people

### Pre-registration is required!!

Work days include 9 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm sessions. Meet at the Peavine Trailhead parking lot.

### Events and Outreach

April 18 8-10:30 am Granite Creek Cleanup

Pre-registration is recommended!!  
Meet at West Granite Creek Park

### Group volunteer experience?

Know a group, club, organization or company who would enjoy spending time together while helping better our community? If so, please contact:

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Outreach Coordinator -  
VISTA Volunteer  
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Planting and restoration work begins with community volunteers and ACE crews.

## Thoughts & Quotes

**Boundaries don't protect rivers, people do.**  
*Aristotle*

**"You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."**  
*Abraham Lincoln*

**"A river is the report card for its watershed."**  
*Alan Levere*



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## Granite Creek Cleanup

April 14, 2009

**Saturday, April 18, 2009**, Prescott Creeks will be hosting the 15th annual **Granite Creek Cleanup**. The event will be held at Granite Creek Park from 8 - 10:30 a.m. Immediately following the Granite Creek Cleanup Open Space Alliance will be hosting the Earth Day Celebration in Granite Creek Park from 10 am - 4 pm.

Each year community members and local organizations participate in the Granite Creek Cleanup by removing litter from Prescott's nine creeks. As many as 500 volunteers have collected several tons of debris and litter from these natural waterways.

Last year, volunteers collected approximately 3 tons of trash from the creeks. Registration for the Granite Creek Cleanup will be set up at Granite Creek Park. A morning snack and coffee or juice will be available for participants at registration. All participants will receive a Granite Creek Cleanup t-shirt for helping out!

To pre-register groups or individuals please contact Amylee Thornhill at (928-)445-5669 or [A.Thornhill@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:A.Thornhill@PrescottCreeks.org).



Primavera teacher and students collect garbage out of Granite Creek



North Point students take a quick break to show off their hard work

## Thank you to all our supporters!

Without the support of local organizations and community members events like the Granite Creek Cleanup would not be possible. Prescott Creeks would like to take a moment to recognize local businesses who have contributed to this years Granite Creek Cleanup. Fann Contracting Inc., Prescott Lakes Parkway Wal-Mart, APS, True Value Hardware, Whiskey Row Screen Printing, Sierra Club, Starbucks Coffee, City of Prescott, Safeway, Stanley K. Sweet DDS, York Motors, Prescott Food Revolution, Costco Wholesale, and Manzanita Outdoors.

## Calendar of Volunteer Opportunities

### Watson Woods Restoration Project

Date	Time	# of Volunteers
Please stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities in May!		

### Events and Outreach

Granite Creek Cleanup	April 18	8-10:30 am
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Meet at Granite Creek Park

### Seeking Volunteers

Board Member	Fundraising Committee
Events Planning Committee	Newsletter Committee
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Time well spent with friends and family during 2008 Granite Creek Cleanup

### Thoughts & Quotes

**"A river is the report card for its watershed."**

*Alan Levere*

**"One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something..."**

*Henry David Thoreau*

**"If there is magic on the planet, it is contained in the water."**

*Loren Easley*



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## Watson Woods : The project is not over yet!

Clip, count, move, dig, plant, and restore. This is only a handful of the activities Watson Woods Riparian Preserve has seen over the past 5 months. These activities have resulted in a more functional floodplain, the re-alignment of Granite Creek in five places, the harvesting and planting of over 13,000 trees, as well as, the planting of several acres with native grasses. All of this has been possible with the help of volunteers from our community and around the world who have contributed over 4,750 hours of volunteer service.

*It is not over yet!* While much has already been accomplished, Prescott Creeks staff and community volunteers will continue to work on the Watson Woods Restoration Project throughout most of this summer. Prescott Creeks is seeking volunteer to help with the planting of native grasses, invasive weed management, the installation of fabric to stabilize creek banks and to protect grass seeds, installation of drip irrigation to newly planted trees and a variety of other management tasks.

May 2009



Photograph provided by  
[J & J Photography of Prescott](#)



Participants from the 15th annual  
Granite Creek Cleanup

## Granite Creek Cleanup

On April 18 2009, Prescott Creeks proudly hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Granite Creek Cleanup. Cleanup activities stretched throughout the Upper Granite Creek Watershed, bringing out more then 350 community volunteers. Participants ranged in ages from young to old and included groups with special needs, churches, schools and families. Prescott Creeks would like to thank all of our volunteers who collectively gathered 3.5 tons of garbage and solid waste out of Prescott's nine creeks and Watson Reservoir!

## Calendar of Volunteer Opportunities

### Watson Woods Restoration Project

Date	Time	Volunteers	Activities
5/07/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Fabric installation
5/08/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Fabric installation
5/21/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Fabric installation
5/22/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Fabric installation
5/23/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Grooming activities
5/28/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Planting grasses
5/29/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Planting grasses
5/30/09	9-12 & 1-5	10-20	Planting grasses

### Pre-registration is required!!

Meet at Watson Woods Rosser St Entrance.

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Community volunteers lay fabric to help  
native grasses and stabilize banks

### Thoughts & Quotes

***"Water links us to our neighbor in a way more profound and complex than any other."***

John Thorson

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."***

Margaret Mead



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## Run for the Creeks



Do you enjoy the excitement of racing? Know someone who does? Come join Prescott Creeks, on June 6, 2009 (National Trails Day) for "Run for the Creeks." The race will be held on Willow Lake Trail, near the Willow Lake Boat Ramp, and offers a three or seven mile course. Registration begins at 7:00am, with the first race starting at 8:00am.

Register for "Run for the Creeks" by visiting [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or by [downloading the brochure](#) and

mailing it to the address listed.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the race, please email [Run@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:Run@PrescottCreeks.org) or call Prescott Creeks at (928) 445-5669.

## Drip Irrigation Instillation Workshop

Learn how to plan for, install and maintain drip irrigation systems for healthy plant development.

Prescott Creeks will be offering a half day workshop on drip irrigation instillation and maintenance in July. The workshop will include an overview of drip irrigation systems, followed by hands-on experience participants can take home with them.



Drip Irrigation system in place near Peavine Trailhead

If you are interested in participating in this workshop or have any additional questions please contact Renee Hoover at [RHoover@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:RHoover@PrescottCreeks.org) or call (928) 445-5669.

## Membership

**Become a member and support the on-going work of Prescott Creeks!** Our annual membership program allows community members to financially support Prescott Creeks day-to day operating expenses while getting the benefits of discounts, invitations to membership events and much more.

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Lifetime Membership	\$1000
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Individuals / Family	\$25/year

## Job Openings

### Watershed Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator will facilitate a community-driven process for watershed management planning and project implementation in the Granite Creek Watershed. Technical aspects of management planning will be supported by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), the Granite Creek Watershed Improvement Council (WIC), and other watershed stakeholders.

Please refer to our website for further information or contact Ann-Marie Benz @ [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org) or 928-445-5669.

### AmeriCorps VISTA - Website Development

AmeriCorps VISTA member will research, design and implement a dynamic, user-oriented website for Prescott Creeks, while integrating relevant existing information and resources. Web-based partnerships development, fundraising and advertising opportunities will be researched and implemented with the assistance of Prescott Creeks Fundraising Committee, as needed. Additional outreach and promotional materials will be created to help increase traffic to new website and encourage revisits.

This is a full time AmeriCorps VISTA position. For more information please contact Yavapai County VISTA Project (YCVF) at [www.ycvp.org](http://www.ycvp.org) or [www.americorps.gov/vista](http://www.americorps.gov/vista).

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6/01/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
6/03/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
6/08/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
6/10/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
6/15/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
6/17/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
6/22/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
6/24/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines

Afternoon & evening session offered every Monday & Wednesday. Sessions are 12:45pm - 3:30pm & 6pm - 8pm.

### **Pre-registration is required!!**

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## Drip Irrigation Workshop



Prescott Creeks will be hosting a **free Drip Irrigation Workshop** on July 11th from 8 am to 12 noon in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, with an optional on-site group picnic afterwards (must provide own lunch). The workshop schedule will include a brief introduction to Prescott Creeks and the Watson Woods Restoration Project, an introduction to drip irrigation systems and methods of installation, as well as

the opportunity to have hands-on experience with installing drip irrigation systems.

If you have any additional questions about the workshop or would like to RSVP, please contact Renee Hoover at (928) 445-5669 or [RHoover@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:RHoover@PrescottCreeks.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

## On Your Mark ... Get set ... Go!

Congratulations to all 149 runners who participated in the first annual **Run for the Creeks**.

A special congratulations to our first place winners of the 7 mile and 3 mile races. The 7 mile winners were Shaun Russon for men's and Samantha Smith for women's, and the 3 mile winners were Patrick Alex for men's and a tie for women's between Maggie Lucas and Theresa Heredia.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support in helping make this event possible. Run for the Creeks sponsors were: Olsson & Associates, SEC Inc., PBS & J, JE Fuller Hydrology, WRG Inc., Safeway, Coco Cola Inc., Prescott Brewing Company, and Nick's Feed Your Face.



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7/02/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/06/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/07/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/08/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/09/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/10/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/13/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/14/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/15/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/16/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/17/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/20/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/21/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/22/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/23/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines
7/24/09	5	Planting grasses & setting irrigation lines

### Cool evening sessions @ Watson Woods 6pm - 8pm.

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## Watershed Improvement Planning

In an effort to gain a better understanding of the waterways in the Upper Granite Creek Watershed, Prescott Creeks has joined together with local, county, state and national entities to form the Upper Granite Creek Watershed Improvement Council (WIC).

With nearly \$300,000 in grant funding from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, this group will develop a Watershed Improvement Plan. Planning is a new approach to protecting water quality that focuses on the whole area drained by Granite Creek.

If you would like more information on getting involved with the planning process, please contact Ann-Marie Benz at [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org).

## Join Prescott Creeks for a Member Open House

**Sunday, August 30th**

Prescott Creeks will host an open house for members from 4-6 pm at the Prescott Creeks office at 119 Grove Ave. #A in Prescott. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are not a member yet, or if your membership needs renewal, please visit our website through the link below or call our office at (928)445-5669.



## Membership

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## Watson Woods Update

Since the start of the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve restoration effort:

- 4 reaches of creek properly re-aligned
- 5 ephemeral wetlands created
- 13,000 trees planted
- 18 acres seeded with native grass mix
- 700 volunteers have worked 6,000 hours
- And there's more to do

All of this work will provide wildlife habitat, open space, and improve water quality.



Volunteer Bill Cook at Watson

## Volunteer Opportunities

### New water monitoring opportunity

Prescott Creeks invites you to a meeting to discuss monitoring water quality in the creeks. This information will help to improve water quality in Granite Creek and Watson Lake.

Volunteers will be trained in procedures for collecting water samples and recording conditions at specific sites along the creeks. A first meeting to explain the program will be held Tuesday, August 18 from 5 - 6 PM at The Grove, 119 Grove St.

### Make a difference- Become a Board Member

Prescott Creeks is seeking committed and energetic individuals to serve on its Board of Directors for two-year terms. Service on the Prescott Creeks Board is an excellent opportunity to contribute your skills, share your vision with a dynamic group and contribute to positive community change.

The Prescott Creeks Directors are responsible for ensuring fiscally sound programs and operations for the organization by working with the staff and volunteers to provide leadership, advice, and direction.

If you'd like to find out more about the protection, restoration and celebration of our creeks, please contact us at (928) 445-5669 or [Info@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:Info@PrescottCreeks.org)



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September 2009

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## Meet the staff: Amanda Richardson our new Watershed Program Coordinator



Amanda joins Prescott Creeks as the Watershed Program Coordinator. A native of Idaho, Amanda spent the past two years in Vermont earning a Master's Degree in Community Development and Applied Economics with her research focused on the social and economic facets of

watershed conservation. Prior to that, she lived overseas, teaching English in Thailand and as a Soil Conservation Volunteer with the Peace Corps in Nepal.

With a Bachelor's of Science degree in Natural Resources Ecology and Conservation, she has passed many summers in Oregon, Idaho, and Wyoming doing vegetation community assessments and monitoring with The Nature Conservancy and the National Park Service.

She loves spending time in the wild, looking at plants, taking in vistas, hiking, backpacking, finding swimming holes, cooking, knitting, and spending time with her new canine pal, Saturn.

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Your membership makes a difference.

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## Volunteer Profile : YEI

One of the most important and most rewarding things we do at Prescott Creeks is to work with volunteers on improving and protecting our creeks and riparian habitat. Prescott Creeks has been lucky in the past year to build a strong working relationship with Yavapai Exception Industries (YEI). On a weekly basis Josh Bradley, their Community Contributions Corps leader for the Washington Street branch, shows up with a variety of YEI volunteers willing and ready to help with the restoration and maintenance of Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.

Every week volunteers show up ready and enthusiastic about being a part of this important project. YEI volunteers have planted native grass seeds, harvested vegetation for planting cottonwoods and willows, placed used Christmas trees along the creek edges for bank stabilization, and removed invasive vegetation. We are grateful for their help. For more information on YEI and what they do see their [website](#).

YEI & other volunteers planted native grass seeds in a stormwater basin to slow and filter water coming off of Prescott Lakes Parkway.

Photo by Michael Byrd.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Plan the Granite Creek Cleanup

Planning starts soon for the annual **Granite Creek Cleanup**. Last year nearly 3 1/2 tons of trash was pulled from our creeks and there is more still out there. If you would like to join the planning committee and create an even bigger, better event, please contact Ann-Marie Benz at [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org)

### For more volunteer opportunities

See the volunteer section of our [website](#).



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## Meet the staff: Jay Crocker, Field Projects Coordinator



**Jay Crocker** joins Prescott Creeks after a 26 year career with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) was a field biologist .

His work was primarily in reservoir management. As part of the reservoir management

process, he spent much of his time working on watershed protection issues. Jay holds degrees in Microbiology from Cal State Fullerton and Earth Science from Cerritos College in California.

Jay will be managing the field projects for Prescott Creeks. He will work with volunteers to continue the Watson Woods restoration, monitor water quality, and in the near future debut an interactive-watershed model.

Jay and his wife, Kris, have lived in Prescott for three years. Some of his favorite activities include hiking, kayaking, riding his motorcycle, exploring Arizona and wine tasting.

## Survey to help redesign our website

Prescott Creeks is going to be overhauling our website. Help us to make the Prescott Creeks website a better fit with your needs by taking a survey to help prioritize features for the new website. The survey generally takes 5-10 minutes to complete.

[Begin the Survey](#)



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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Office Support

Do you enjoy organizing? Like entering data? Look forward to filing? Interested in making a difference in our creeks? If so, we could use your help.

### Plan the Granite Creek Cleanup

Planning starts soon for the annual Granite Creek Cleanup. Last year nearly 3 1/2 tons of trash was pulled from our creeks and there is more still out there. Your help could create an even bigger, better event.

### Watershed Field Surveying

To gain a better understanding of the watershed, volunteers will be trained to do field surveys of creeks and riparian habitat. This is an active project that requires the ability to hike along rough ground.

### For more volunteer opportunities

Contact Ann-Marie at [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org) or see the volunteer section of our [website](#).

## Watson Woods Update

This last winter and spring volunteers planted nearly 13,000 cottonwood and willow trees in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve as part of the initial phase of restoration.

After a season of growing, a survey of the newly planted vegetation has been completed and approximately 95% of the trees have survived their first season. That's an amazing number for a riparian restoration project and it couldn't have been done without community support.

This winter volunteers will be needed to harvest and plant trees during the next phase of restoration at Watson Woods.



Volunteers plant a cottonwood pole at Watson Woods.

Photo by J&J Photography.



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## Meet the staff: Nathaniel Hoag, Web Master / VISTA Volunteer



**Nathaniel Hoag** joined Prescott Creeks in September as the Website Manager. He is an [AmeriCorps VISTA](#), who has dedicated a full year to volunteering and service.

Over the next year Nathaniel will be updating the Prescott

Creeks website to be a more educational, interactive tool. The goal is for it to be an active learning resource for the community that will have current, entertaining, information relevant to the watershed including water quality, riparian habitat, and current projects.

Nathaniel hails from New England, and holds degrees in environmental studies from the University of Vermont (BS) and Antioch University New England (MS). His hobbies include music composition, hiking, and website development.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in learning more about local water quality issues, how to get involved in Prescott Creeks' upcoming monitoring program, and proper field techniques? Then, mark your calendars:

### Water Quality Monitoring Training.

Sponsored by Prescott Creeks and the Sierra Club Water Sentinels Program. Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. (optional fieldtrip to Watson Woods to follow) \*Lunch, coffee, and tea provided.

Only 20 spots available! RSVP now to Ann-Marie Benz, at [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org) or 928-445-5669.

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## Interactive Watershed Model

### Coming soon...a watershed near you

An interactive watershed model is being constructed by Prescott Creeks. The model will be a three-dimensional, hands-on, interactive representation of a watershed. It will give a visual and tactile demonstration of how watersheds work, and will have the ability to show creeks, lakes, mountains, towns, forests, erosion, runoff, and a variety of other factors effecting creeks. People will be able to change factors in the watershed and see the results.

Mounted on a trailer, the model will be easily transported and available to travel to various schools, presentations, events, and workshops.

More information on the watershed model will be available on the [Prescott Creeks website](#) as the model is finished and ready for its debut.

## Harvesting Season

As Prescott Creeks gears up for this winter's restoration work at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, we will be starting with harvesting cottonwood and willow cuttings for our "important planting areas".

year's restoration includes planting a few thousand additional cuttings. Volunteers will be needed to assist with various phases of harvesting and planting cuttings.

In addition to planting trees, this year's restoration will include the creation of more ephemeral wetland, the realignment of one of the bends in the creek, native grass seeding, and temporary irrigation installation.

Volunteer Carole Carriere harvests a willow cutting. Photo by Michael Byrd





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## Meet the staff: Interns

Prescott Creeks has been fortunate to be able to provide work-study internships through Prescott College. These four, and the interns before them, have been a valuable part of caring for our creeks.



**Amylee Thornhill** is graduating in December with degrees in Conservation Biology and Wilderness Leadership. She joined Prescott Creeks in 2008 as the Outreach

Assistant to organize the Granite Creek Cleanup. Amylee spends her life climbing, tele-skiing, glacier and mountain guiding in Alaska, and is expecting her first child.



**Ian Thompson** joined Prescott Creeks in August 2008 as the IT intern. Ian is working on the new server that just arrived, maintaining the new desktop computers, and doing energy conservation upgrades to the entire computer system.



**Colin Thompson** joined Prescott Creeks in 2009 as a Watershed Technician focusing on Watson Woods. As a sophomore at Prescott College he is studying field ecology. He brings an interest in and

knowledge of herpetology and particularly turtles.



**Kim Sieb** is a Senior at Prescott College studying Field Ecology and Holistic Health with an emphasis in Ethnobotany. Growing up in the Wasatch Mountains, she has always had a strong affinity towards the

natural environment and a love for outdoor adventures. She joins Prescott Creeks as a Field Projects Intern.

## Your Membership makes a difference

Our membership program allows community members to financially support Prescott Creeks' day-to day operating expenses while getting the benefits of discounts, invitations to membership events and more. Follow our [membership link](#) for available membership options.

## Thank You from Prescott Creeks

This year has been filled with many successes for our creeks and riparian habitat—none of which would have been possible without the loyal support of our donors, members and volunteers. You helped make 2009 a year of unprecedented achievements. **Thank you!**

Some of the accomplishments that your support helped achieve include:

- On-the-ground restoration work was initiated for the **Watson Woods Riparian Preserve** after more than a decade of research and planning.
- Organization of a **Granite Creek Watershed Improvement Planning** effort.
- Continuation of the annual community tradition by hosting the **Granite Creek Cleanup**. Not only does the event bring together over 300 community residents, it also results in between 2 and 8 tons of trash and debris being removed from our local waterways every year.

We look forward to a 2010 filled with even more to celebrate!

## Be Part of Restoring Watson Woods

It's time to start harvesting cottonwood and willow cuttings for Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Last year 13,000 cuttings were harvested and planted, with approximately 95% of them surviving the first growing season. This year we are planning of harvesting and planting even more trees.

Harvesting will take place the week of **December 14th through 19th.**

To participate please RSVP by emailing Ann-Marie at [AM-Benz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AM-Benz@PrescottCreeks.org) or calling (928)445-5669.

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