



The Watershed

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River Wranglers' mission is to inspire youth through hands-on learning to explore, conserve, and understand the importance of local rivers in Northern Nevada's Great Basin Watershed.

Getting to know your new Executive Director



Rebecca Feldermann

Hello,

My name is Rebecca Feldermann and I hail from the Pacific Northwest. I love all things outdoors and reside in Dayton with my husband and our dog, Larry. You'll often find me exploring down by the river or hiking in the hills!

I come to River Wranglers with significant experience as a community leader with a passion for organization, planning, and leading and teaching you. I look forward to giving students and community members the opportunity to see their watershed up close and learn how important stewardship is to the environment and the water. Feel free to reach out to me!

-Rebecca

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River Wranglers says Goodbye and Good Luck!

In March of this year, River Wranglers said goodbye to our fantastic Executive Director Darcy Phillips. We wish Darcy the best of luck in her future endeavors and will miss her leadership and passion for the Carson River watershed immensely!

Greetings, River Wranglers!

I have many passions in life, one of which is educating people about the beloved Carson River watershed, and another is working to reduce the burden of cancer in our state. As a breast cancer survivor, I couldn't turn down the job offered to me by the Nevada Cancer Coalition, where I am now the early detection programs manager. When I left River Wranglers in early 2022, it was important to me to find someone who would shepherd the organization through its next iteration, and we found that in Rebecca Feldermann. I knew the minute I met her she was perfect for this organization! I thoroughly enjoyed every minutes of my four years with River Wranglers, and now I am honored to serve on the board of directors, helping Rebecca continue to grow this wonderful institution educating kids in the Carson River watershed. I urge each of you to do what you can to support River Wranglers; it is an organization worthy of your donations.

See you at the river!

~Darcy Phillips

thank you!



Darcy Phillips and Rebecca Feldermann taking a moment to snap a quick picture while out at the river with students for a Trout in the Classroom event.

River Wranglers Fun Facts

- River Wranglers has been at the River or in the classroom with 20 schools this year seeing over 3000 students!
- River Wranglers participated in 10+ community events and reached over 6800 community members!
- River Wranglers receives generous funding from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Carson Water Subconserancy District, and the Dream Tags program Thank you for your support!

Flood Awareness in the Carson River Watershed

Through a FEMA grant managed by the Carson Water Subconservancy District, River Wranglers visits schools and teaches students about flood awareness. By using such tools as a flood model and a flood relay activity, River Wranglers teaches students how areas around a river are prone to flooding, how to recognize important items to take in the case of an evacuation, and discuss what the students would do in the event of a flood.

The last major flood on the Carson River happened in 2017. In Nevada, we are always at the whim of the weather. Are you prepared in the event of a flood?



Students at Carson Valley Middle School participate in a flood relay

Visit www.nevadafloods.org for more information.

Please remember River Wranglers in your giving. Donations help keep our programs running!



Join today! Tax deductible. Visit our website at www.riverwranglers.org

Conserve the Carson River Workdays...and more!

River Wranglers is gearing up for a busy spring. With multiple workdays, field days, a Seasonal Changes program, and countless other outreach events on the calendar, we expect to accomplish great things.



From wrapping trees to protect them from beaver damage with Sutro Elementary School in Dayton—to students from Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School learning about Benthic macroinvertebrates with volunteers from Nevada Division of Environmental Protection in Dresslerville—to planting pollinator plants with Carson City Parks & Recreation, Open Space with Carson City Boys & Girls Club—to teaching about water quality and sampling at the first annual Carson City Source Water Assessment Day at Kings Canyon, students and community members all along the Carson River will experience the joy of learning outside and exploring their watershed.

Thank you to Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Carson Water Subconservancy District; Dayton Valley Conservation District; Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space; Carson Valley Conservation District; Lahontan Conservation District; River Fork Ranch; Resource Concepts, Inc, Carson City Public Works, and Nevada State Parks for their partnership in Conserve the Carson River Workdays, field days, and many other outreach events throughout the Carson River watershed.

Snapshot Day, October 21, 2022



On October 21, River Wranglers partnered with 30 numerous agency professionals and skilled volunteers to bring Snapshot Day to the Carson River watershed. 175 students of all ages from Carson Montessori School, Sierra Lutheran High School, and Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School gathered at multiple sites along the Carson River to learn about and test the water quality of the river at a specific time, taking a "snapshot" of the river's health in that moment. Data has been captured since 2006 and it is released to teachers and volunteers who have interest in using it.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers and agencies who helped to make this a successful day including the Carson Water Subconservancy District, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Resource Concepts, Inc., The Nature Conservancy in Nevada, the US National Weather Service, Douglas County Public Works, Carson City Public Works, Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space, Alpine Watershed Group, Lahontan Conservation District, Dayton Valley Conservation District, Washoe Environmental Protection Department, Nevada Division of Water Resources, and Nevada State Parks.



Max Robinson from CWSD teaches students from Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School about water quality at The Nature Conservancy in Minden, NV.

