



BENZIE COMMUNITY WATER COUNCIL

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2013 WATER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th

Under The Surface...

The mission of the Benzie Community Water Council is to ensure that the waters of the county and the northwest corner of the state remain subject to the public trust doctrine, preserved and protected for the common good of the peoples and ecosystems they serve. It is our intent to work with any citizen groups and government entities committed to the common purpose of maintaining safe, clean, and plentiful water for the equitable use of people, animals, and plants.

- In 2011, our first three-day Water Festival had 300 participants; featured Michigan musicians, speakers and workshops; and made valuable connections with campaigns and projects to protect our waters locally and globally.
- In 2012, the Water Festival theme was '**Come Softly, Stand Firmly: Responsibilities of living in the most beautiful place in America.**' In addition to local food, musicians, and exhibitors, the one-day event featured three panels of local experts who addressed the state of the watersheds and the economic impact of entrepreneurial businesses in our region, leaving us with a message on the importance of engaging younger members of our community into water-related issues.
- In 2013, our theme is '**Under The Surface,**' — in addition to once again featuring local food, musicians, and exhibitors — this year's panel will explore the complex issues of fracking and dredging. Additionally, after spending the past year contemplating how to attract a younger demographic, our SEEDS partners have received a Grand Traverse Stewardship Initiative grant to hold a Water Science Fair at Benzie Central High School during the day of Friday, April 12th. Combining this year's theme and push for youth engagement, our keynote speaker will be Hans VanSumeren, director of NMC's Water Studies Institute and one of the most highly regarded underwater vehicle pilots in the nation.

2013 Under the Surface Panel Participants (developing):

DREDGE or HEDGE: Kurt Luedtke (Luedtke Engineering Co.) and TO BE ANNOUNCED

WHAT the FRACK: Keith Schneider (Circle of Blue) and Peggy Case (Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation)

Partners (developing): SEEDS, Friends of Betsie Bay, League of Women Voters, The Elberta Alert, Benzie Conservation District

NEEDED

Community participation and volunteers: Become a Benzie Community Water Council member; attend our events; "Like" us on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/Wmtgxu>; email info@water-festival.org if you want to exhibit or volunteer at the 2013 Benzie Water Festival.

Donations and sponsorships: Become an official supporting member of the Benzie Community Water Council by going to our Web site or by sending your tax-deductible donation to "Benzie Community Water Council" at 670 Crystal Ave, Frankfort, MI, 49635 **Individuals/Families** **Businesses/Organizations**

Basic Member

\$5.00

\$20.00

Upcoming Satellite Events:

Sunday, February 10th: Benzie Community Water Council's **Groundwater in India Dinner** at 5pm in Frankfort at 670 Crystal Ave. Eat a traditional Indian meal while Circle of Blue journalists and Benzie County residents Keith Schneider and Aubrey Ann Parker talk about and show photos from their recent waternews-scouting trip to India. Suggested donation of \$15. **LIMITED SEATING CALL AUBREY for more info: 231-649-3988**



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