



**GUNPOWDER
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April 2023
E-Newsletter

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We had such a successful Earth Month that it will take a little time to reflect. Stay tuned for some amazing stories from the field next month! Until then, we present the...

Top 3 Things You NEED to Know About GVC!

#1 Explore the Gunpowder Kickoff

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

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HEADLINE NEWS TODAY

**Drop Everything and GET
OUTDOORS!!!!!!**

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The [Explore the Gunpowder Watershed Challenge](#) is FREE and starts next Monday, May 1st. We'd love for you to stop by [our kickoff event on Saturday, April 29th from 11 am - 1 pm](#) at Oregon Ridge Nature Center's Lake Pavilion. Grab some light snacks and a free Gunpowder Passport! There will be plenty of information and inspiration to help you start planning your *Explore the Gunpowder*

April 29 Kickoff Info

Get Your GVC Gear

#2 Prevent Pollution

Spring flowers are in full bloom and so is our Calendar of Events. We currently have two opportunities for you to **purchase Rain Barrels and/or participate in a FREE rain garden workshop**. Both are wonderful ways to take action for clean water! Additional events will be added in May.



- **Saturday, April 29** (10 am - 12 pm): [Rain Garden workshop](#)
- **Saturday, April 29** (10 am - 1 pm): [Tree Planting](#)
- **Saturday, May 6** (10 am - 12 pm): [Rain Garden workshop](#)
- **Saturday, June 10** (10:30 am - 12 pm): [Rain Barrel workshop](#)
- **Saturday, July 8** (10:30 am - 12 pm): [Rain Barrel workshop](#)

Visit our Online Calendar

#3 Welcome New Staff



HEADLINE NEWS

TODAY

GVC Welcomes 2 New Staff Members!



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Please join us in welcoming **David Shahady** and **Brody McAllister** to the GVC Staff! From the cool streams to the treetops, they each bring a unique passion and skill set that will undoubtedly enhance our environmental stewardship efforts.

David is our **Stream Programs Assistant**. As an undergraduate at the University of Lynchburg, he collaborated with Maryland DNR and Trout Unlimited on a project to add Tiger Trout eggs into a stream near Westminster, MD. This data could help inform whether Brook Trout can be reintroduced to areas that have previously been impacted by stream degradation. He has also spent many summers collecting water quality data from Leesville Lake and the Pigg River.

Brody is our **Forest Stewardship Technician**. After receiving his Bachelor's in Ethnobotany from Frostburg State University, he has been traveling the country working on farms, studying permaculture design and herbalism, and expanding his knowledge of plant communities. He's also a licensed arborist focusing on tree preservation. Rumor has it he's a Hereford High School graduate (!), so we're happy to have Brody back in his home watershed after his exciting travels.

"Stream health is my passion and GVC is a place that I can take that passion and help make a difference,"

David Shahady



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