



## Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

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### **Volunteer Stream Monitoring Winter Potluck Event – Saturday, February 11**

PETOSKEY, MI – It may be cold outside, but our local rivers and streams are still teeming with life. Join Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council on Saturday, February 11th from 9:30am – 2:30pm for an opportunity to explore the amazing aquatic ecosystem of a Northern Michigan stream during the wintertime. This year's monitoring event will take place on Five Mile Creek, north of Harbor Springs. The Watershed Council will supply all the tools you will need to collect and examine aquatic insects, snails, crustaceans and other small invertebrates, which are used as bio-indicators to gauge the health of a stream. Dress appropriately and if you have waders, bring them along. Depending on the snow conditions, snowshoes may be recommended to reach the monitoring site.

This is a perfect event for friends and families to learn more about the creek and what they can do to protect and serve our precious water resources. After exploring the creek the group will return to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council office for a potluck and socializing.

This event is free and the public is welcome to attend. You do not have to be a volunteer stream monitor to participate. Limited space is available so please RSVP by contacting Kevin Cronk at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at 231-347-1181 or by e-mail at [kevin@watershedcouncil.org](mailto:kevin@watershedcouncil.org). Information about other upcoming events hosted by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council can also be found on our website at [www.watershedcouncil.org/events](http://www.watershedcouncil.org/events).

**About Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council:** *Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council speaks for our members including full-time and seasonal residents, lake associations, and businesses. We work to maintain the environmental integrity and economic and aesthetic values of lakes, streams, wetlands, and ground water in Northern Michigan, as well as statewide and throughout the Great Lakes Basin. As the lead organization for water resources protection in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties, the Watershed Council is working to preserve the heritage of Northern Michigan – a tradition built around our magnificent waters.*

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**Photo attached.**

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