



Lycoming County Conservation District

2020 Environmental Education Newsletter

2020 LCCD: EE Mini Grant Program

Do you have a project that will result in the conservation natural resources, education of wide audience and/or significant improvements to water quality? We are looking fund local conservation projects impacting local resources while educating adults and youth in Lycoming County. Maximum grant award will be \$2,000. Application deadline will be June 1, 2020. More information is available by emailing centz@lyco.org.

Envirothon, Accept a Nature Challenge!



The Envirothon is a fun, academic event. It challenges high school students (grades 9-12) to think critically about the natural world and their role in it. Envirothon combines in-class curriculum and outdoor training helping students to learn more about Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soil & Land Use, Wildlife, and Current Environmental Issues.

The 2020 Lycoming/ Sullivan Envirothon will be held on April 28th at the Consolidated Sportsman's Grounds.

Educational scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to the Top Team Members in each County. This team will then go on to represent Lycoming County at PA Envirothon at Susquehanna University and Camp Mount Luther on May 19 & 20, 2020. www.envirothonpa.org

Trout in the Classroom Program



[Trout in the Classroom](#) program is a unique partnership with the PA Fish and Boat Commission and PA Trout Unlimited. The classes will learn about coldwater conservation while raising brook trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom aquarium.

There are six tanks in Lycoming County: Jersey Shore Life Skills, Jersey Shore Biology, St John Neumann, Montgomery, Loyalsock, and Williamsport.

Waterdale Environmental Education Center



[Connecting the Importance of Clean Watersheds to Public Drinking Water Protection](#)

Located in the pristine and beautiful mountain valley of the Mosquito Creek Watershed near the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority Filtration Plant, the historic Waterdale Lodge is the center for a cooperative collaboration of public water supply utilities, academic resources, and local and state conservation agencies and organizations.

This partnership provides opportunities for community education and outreach programs which emphasize the science and importance of good stewardship and protection of our natural resources and public water supply sources. [Waterdale EE Center](#)

Stewardship Week

The 2020 Stewardship Week theme is “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?”



Pollinators form the foundations of a healthy and sustainable future for food and the environment, but in recent years, they have shown concerning signs of decline. It's important that we work to help them prosper by enhancing native pollinator habitats and protecting against pollinator declines.

The 2020 Stewardship and Education materials are now available to download for free on NACD's Marketplace. [Click here](#) to view and download the materials.

The 2020 Stewardship Week will take place Apr. 26 – May 3, 2020.

Camp and Scholarship Opportunities

LCCD may provide *full* scholarships to interested students. Please contact us!

Conservation Leadership School (ages 14-18) June 21-27, 2020

Conservation Leadership School (CLS) is a one-week residential program for high school students to learn about the world around them through exploration and hands-on activities. It's your ideal school, where the classroom includes more than 700 acres of forest, fields, wetlands, and streams...where learning about the environment goes hand-in-hand with having fun, meeting new friends, and learning leadership skills. [CLS](#)

PA Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp (ages 14-17)

June 21-26, 2020 Messiah College, Grantham, PA

The Cumberland Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting the 25th Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Several other states now offer similar camps, but this is the original camp that became the model for the others.

If you would like to have fun, work hard, and engage in a unique experience, get your application in early. Our application process begins on November 1st. Up to 32 students will be selected to attend. We look forward to receiving your application. [PRCFFYC](#)

Wildlife Leadership Academy: 2020 Field Schools (ages 14-17)

We are now taking nominations for the 2020 field school season. Academy students gain extensive knowledge about wildlife, fisheries, and conservation plus develop leadership and communication skills. Do you know of a student who would benefit from our program? Nominate them today! <http://picweb.org/>

Educators Ag Institute

This year's event is July 13-16, 2020. Registration will open in March. [Educators Ag Institute](#)

PA Farm Bureau's Educator's Ag Institute is held annually in State College every July. It includes hands-on classroom sessions and tours. The instructors are classroom teachers, industry professionals, and university professors.

We are looking for teachers, pre-service teachers and community educators that work with youth Pre K-12th grade that are interested in learning more about agriculture and incorporating it into your teaching.

You will gain:

- An increased knowledge of agriculture
- Lesson ideas and plans that are applicable to many subject areas
- Resources to take as well as a network of people that can assist you in bringing agriculture to your "classroom"
- Act 48 are included, additional cost for Continuing Ed credits.
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LCCD may provide FULL scholarships to interested teachers. We ask for a short essay stating why you would like to attend, by April 1st, 2020

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