

How to Become Involved

Youth groups can become involved in the West Virginia Youth Environmental Program by simply enrolling at any time. There is no obligation and no cost. Each group that enrolls receives informative materials, including an official certificate of enrollment, lists of available awards, the award sponsors, project ideas, and criteria for reporting.

Youth groups enrolled in the program must submit a report of their projects to become eligible for more than \$11,000 in awards. Projects are to be completed from April 16 of the current year through April 15 of the next year. These reports are judged and the winning youth groups are presented their awards at the **Annual Youth Environmental Day**. This event is held the third Saturday in May at North Bend State Park, Cairo, West Virginia. Individual awards are also available.

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**Empowering the Youth of West Virginia
To Become Environmentally Involved
Within Their Communities**

What Is It?

The West Virginia Youth Environmental Program provides a challenge and an opportunity to the youth of our state to participate in environmental projects within their communities. For award sponsorship and enrollment information, please contact:

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Enrollment information and local assistance are also available through the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, District Environmental Coordinators, listed on the back of this brochure.



Purpose

The Program is co-sponsored by the DEP and Quad Graphics of Martinsburg. It is designed to unite existing youth groups such as 4-H clubs, Scouts, Kindergarten, Elementary, Junior High/Middle and High Schools, FFA Chapters, Church Youth Fellowships, and others toward the common goal of **Making West Virginia Shine!** The program provides incentive to the groups to actively participate in environmental projects. It creates an interest and enthusiasm for preserving our natural resources, with more than \$11,000 in cash and other awards including a college scholarship.



Additional Activities - Junior Conservation Camp

The DEP **Junior Conservation Camp** is open to anyone between the ages of 11 and 14 years. The camp offers a wide variety of classes that will enhance the participant's knowledge of the environment and enable them to become good stewards of our natural resources. Classes include forestry, wildlife, archery, water study, recycling, hunter education, fishing, and many others. Sports activities include basketball, kickball, volleyball, and more.

For information on the cost and dates of Junior Conservation Camp, contact:

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Youth Environmental Conference

A weekend conference in October filled with environmental activities geared toward youth between the ages of 13 and 18. The participants attend environmental workshops on such subjects as recycling, clean water, wildlife, etc.

Tours are scheduled for Saturday to various places of interest in close proximity to the conference location. Such places have included the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank, and the National Park Service Sandstone Visitor Center in Hinton, Mt. Storm and John Amos Power Plants.

For more information on the cost and dates for the Conference, please contact:

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