West Virginia YOUTH Environmental Program

# 53rd ANNUAL
# YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL DAY
# Saturday, May 21, 2016
# North Bend State Park

Dear Youth Environmental Program Participants:

You are invited to be our guest on this special occasion when youth groups from throughout the state will gather to participate in the planned events of the day and to receive much deserved awards.

- **FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM AT SHELTER 3** will begin at 7:45 p.m. DEP Environmental Coordinators will feature youth group projects from each of their districts.

- **A MOVIE** will follow the program on Friday night.

- **YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CLUBS ON PARADE HAT CONTEST!** Once again we are asking youth groups to make parade hats to wear when walking with the parade to the shelter on Saturday morning during opening ceremonies. The group selected as having the best parade hats will receive an award. Please mark the space provided on the attached form if your club will be participating.

  - The parade will start lining up at the Information Booth at 10 a.m. Saturday morning and proceed to the shelter at 10: 30 a.m.

  - **$150 Best Parade Hat Award,** made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo and DuPont Washington Works, Wood County, will be presented at the end of the day.

- **OPENING CEREMONIES SATURDAY MORNING TAKE PLACE AT SHELTER 3** and will begin immediately following the parade. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the Parade Color Guard and the National Anthem will be sung by Ms. Lindsay Harris from Mineral Wells.

  - Presentation of the Rick Vecellio Memorial Conservation Scholarship will be featured.

  - A few Individual poster and essay awards will be presented before lunch.

- **SPECIAL GUESTS** invited to attend this special event include Kelley Gillenwater, Communications Director and other Department of Environmental Protection employees; Sandra Maynard, External Affairs Specialist, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo; Robin Ollis-Stemple, Regional Public Affairs Consultant, Chemours Company, Wood County as well as all other award sponsors; Smokey Bear; Eco the Owl; Ralph the Recycling Raccoon. Roady the Adopt-A-Highway mascot and others.

- **FREE HOT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED SATURDAY!** Lunch, provided by Windmill Catering of Mineral Wells, will consist of hot dogs, barbeque sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, cookies, water and iced tea. Make your lunch reservations on the attached form. **Please be accurate in your count for lunches.**

  - Each participant may have two sandwiches. Several serving lines will be set up to minimize the wait.

- **SCHEDULED EXHIBITS** include REAP Recycling and Adopt-A-Highway, Homeland Security/Emergency Response Unit, Division of Forestry, Save Our Streams, Wildlife Jeopardy, Air Quality, National Park Service, Natural Resources Police Officers with Eddie Eagle, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and others.

  - **Exhibit Scavenger Hunt** forms will be available at the Information Booth. Drop your completed form in the box also located at the Information Booth to be eligible for **prize drawings.**

- **AWARDS PRESENTATIONS WILL CONTINUE** Saturday afternoon around 1 p.m. at Shelter 3.

- **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES** following the awards presentations include a hike on the North Bend Rail Trail, a fishing derby at the pond, a volleyball game on the court and a recycling craft at Shelter 3. Sign-up sheets for these activities will be at the Information Booth.

  - Bike rentals are available at the North Bend Campground attendant's building.

  - Boat rentals are available at the North Bend Marina. Call 304-299-1768 for details and reservations.

- **SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE STARTING AT 8 P.M. AT SHELTER 3!!** J.R.'s Sound and Lighting of Mineral Wells will be the DJ. Chaperones of the dance can easily be identified by their fluorescent **Youth Day Staff** badges.

- **FREE CAMPING!** Those desiring to camp for the weekend must indicate their camping needs on the attached form. **Remember, campsites with electricity are <u>very</u> limited and on a first-come-first-served basis.**

- **INSURANCE IS A REQUIREMENT!** All Youth Environmental Day participants that do not have camping insurance should take advantage of the medical expense excess plan made available through Nationwide. Please indicate your insurance needs on the attached form. **Please do not send cash!**

  - **21¢ per person per day**, no deductible. Benefits include $25,000 overall maximum medical expense, $10,000 maximum accidental death and $20,000 maximum per specific loss.

  - Youth group leaders please forward a check or money order for the total amount of insurance needed. **Please make your check payable to DEP.**

- **FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS,** roller skates, bicycles and skateboards are not allowed in the program area. **Also, all pets must be kept on a leash.**

Please contact me by phone 304-926-0499, Extension 1114 or by email **diana.k.haid@wv.gov** if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana Haid

Diana Haid, Program Manager
Youth Environmental Program

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# Reservation Form
# North Bend State Park
# Saturday, May 21, 2016

Please return reservation to:

Diana Haid
Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 2, 2016**

NAME OF GROUP_____

CONTACT PERSON_____

ADDRESS_____CITY_____STATE _____ ZIP_____

TELEPHONE _____DAY _____EVENING

**PLEASE RESERVE_____LUNCHES FOR OUR GROUP.**

_____OUR GROUP WILL **NOT** BE CAMPING OVERNIGHT.

OUR GROUP WILL BE CAMPING: _____FRIDAY NIGHT _____SATURDAY NIGHT

WE HAVE: _____#PEOPLE _____#TENTS _____#CAMPING TRAILERS

_____ELECTRICITY - **LIMITED NUMBER OF SITES AVAILABLE, FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED ONLY**

_____YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CLUBS ON PARADE HAT CONTEST

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**INSURANCE IS 21¢ PER PERSON PER DAY.** Complete the following information and include payment.

WE WISH TO INSURE_____#PEOPLE FOR _____#DAY(S). AMOUNT $_____

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO THE: **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

INSURANCE IS NEEDED FOR EACH DAY YOU ARE AT NORTH BEND STATE PARK.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!**