

40th Annual
Youth Environmental Conference
Pipestem Resort State Park
October 9-11, 2015



A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come first-served basis.

- Each youth group attending the conference may send two members between the ages of 13 and 18 and one chaperone at no charge.
- The scholarships will go quickly! Be sure to send in the attached reservation form as soon as possible.
- All participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference.

Additional youth participants and adult chaperones are welcome to attend at the cost of \$175 each. Make checks payable to the: Department of Environmental Protection or DEP.

The deadline for receiving reservations is 3 pm, Monday, September 21.

- Pipestem Resort requires the list of all conference participants by this date.
- A limited number of rooms are available. Rooms that are not used will be released on September 21.
- Reservations will be accepted after September 21 only if any of the released rooms are still available.

Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, chaperones included. Preference of roommates must be listed on the back of the attached reservation form.

- No room changes will be made upon arrival.
- All participants must be pre-registered; no walk-ins will be accepted.

Permission slip/release form, photo consent and conference rules will be sent with the confirmation letter.

- Attendance confirms an agreement by the participants to abide by all conference rules.
- The permission slip/release form and photo consent form must be signed by the parent/guardian and by the participant and must be received by mail by September 28. Faxing the form is not acceptable; original forms with original signatures are needed. Forms may be hand carried to the conference and turned in during registration. Youth group leaders please let me know if you will be doing this when you submit your conference reservation form.
- **Participants cannot attend the Saturday tour without the original signed forms.**

Your club must be enrolled in the Youth Environmental Program to attend.

- For enrollment information or questions regarding the conference, call Diana Haid at 304/926-0499, extension 1114, or e-mail diana.k.haid@wv.gov .

Environmental activities are scheduled Friday evening, October 9.

- Workshops DEP REAP Recycling and National Park Services Tree Identification 101

Pizza will be served Friday at 7 pm.

- The conference convenes at 7:30 pm
- Julie McQuade, Park Activities Coordinator at Pipestem, will give a presentation on Venom and Poison following dinner.
- Door prizes and games will follow the presentation.

Breakfast buffets on Saturday and Sunday mornings will be served at 7 am.

Departing at 8 am, tentative tour sites for Saturday, October 10 include the Sandstone Falls, National Park Service Sandstone Visitor Center, Hinton Railroad Museum and possibly one additional site to be determined.

- Transportation will be provided by Summers County school buses.
- Box lunches will be provided. You can make your selections on the attached reservation form.

Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening at 6 pm.

- After dinner, Susan Williams, Director and Professor of Recreation and Tourism from Concord University will be exploring careers available with a Parks and Recreation degree.
- Reports will be given by each color group on their assignments from the tours.

Create an art project from recyclable materials using the theme “Protecting, Promoting and Sustaining West Virginia’s Natural Resources.”

- Art projects will be displayed and judged Saturday night. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday morning.
- **Important**: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be making a table centerpiece.

A dance will take place from 8 – 10 pm Saturday night.

- Board games, a movie and swimming will also be available for those not wanting to attend the dance.

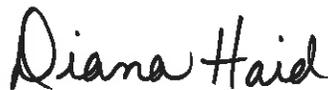
An idea swap will be featured at 8 am Sunday morning, October 11.

- Each youth group represented at the conference is invited to give a three-minute report of their community environmental project(s).
- If you have handouts, be sure to bring copies. If you need copies made of your handout, please let someone know at registration on Friday.
- The report must be given by a youth.
- **Important**: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be participating in the idea swap.

Leaders from the Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Natural Resources will welcome all conference participants on Friday and will remain through Sunday.

- If you wish to participate in the Friday afternoon workshops you need to arrive by 4:45 pm.
- All participants are required to attend the entire conference, beginning Friday evening through adjournment on Sunday morning.
- Parents will assume responsibility for any and all damages caused by a conference participant.

Sincerely,



Diana Haid, Program Coordinator
Youth Environmental Program

Reservation Form
Youth Environmental Conference
Pipestem Resort State Park
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MAIL TO: Diana Haid, Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304
OR FAX TO: 304-926-0447
OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO: diana.k.haid@wv.gov

All reservations must be received by 3 pm, Monday, September 21, 2015.

Name of youth group _____

Name of leader _____

Complete address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____ home _____ work _____

County _____

Two club members receiving scholarships:

1. Name _____ age _____

Parent/guardian _____ telephone _____

Address _____ zip _____

Male _____ Female _____

2. Name _____ age _____

Parent/guardian _____ telephone _____

Address _____ zip _____

Male _____ Female _____

Chaperone scholarships are limited to one per club. Please include chaperone information on back of form.

Additional participants and chaperones paying \$175 each may also be listed on the back of this form. Give the same information as above. Adult leaders please indicate "chaperone" in the space requesting age. Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, including chaperones. Enclosed is our check in the amount of: \$ _____

Please note: Be sure your club is enrolled in the Youth Environmental Program!

Is your club making an art from recyclable materials using the theme "Protecting, Promoting and Sustaining West Virginia's Natural Resources"?

_____ Yes _____ No *Please be prepared to describe the centerpiece and its environmental qualities.*

Is your club participating in the idea swap on Sunday by giving a three-minute report of your most successful project(s)?

_____ Yes _____ No *If providing a handout, please bring copies or let us know at registration if you need copies made.*

Box Lunches for Saturday have sandwich wraps. Please write the number needed by the wrap selections below:

_____ ham and cheese _____ turkey and cheese _____ chicken bacon ranch _____ veggie