50th ANNUAL
YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL DAY
Saturday, May 18, 2013
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 gather to participate in the planned events of the day 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 AND POPCORN** will follow the Friday night program at **SHELTER 3**.

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

  - ★ Parade will line up by the information booth at 10 a.m. and proceed into the program area at 10:30 a.m.

  - ★ **$100 Best Parade Hat Award**, made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing of West Virginia.

- **OPENING CEREMONIES SATURDAY MORNING WILL BE 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 Lindsay Harris from Parkersburg.

  - ★ The presentation of the Rick Vecellio Memorial Scholarship Award will be featured.

  - ★ Individual Poster and Essay Awards will be presented before lunch.

- **SPECIAL GUESTS** invited to attend include Randy C. Huffman, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection; Kathy Cosco, DEP Communications Director, Danny Haught, Chief, REAP; Sandra Maynard, External Affairs Specialist, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, WV; all other award sponsors; Smokey Bear; Eco the Owl, Ralph the Recycling Raccoon and many others.

- **FREE HOT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT SHELTER 3 ON SATURDAY!** Lunch will consist of hot dogs, barbeque sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, cookies, water, and iced tea, and will be provided by Windmill Catering of Mineral Wells. Make your lunch reservations on the attached reservation form. **Please be accurate in your count for lunches.**

- ★ Enough food will be ordered so that each participant may have two sandwiches. Serving lines will be set up to minimize the wait.

- **SCHEDULED EXHIBITS** include REAP, Homeland Security and Emergency Response Unit, Forestry, Save Our Streams, Wildlife Jeopardy, National Park Service, DNR Law Enforcement 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 back at the information booth to be eligible for **prize drawings**.

- **REMAINING AWARDS** will be presented Saturday after 1 p.m. at Shelter 3. Come prepared to cheer the winners!

- **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES** that follow the awards presentations include a hike on the North Bend Rail Trail, a fishing derby at the pond, a volleyball game at the volleyball court, and recycling crafts at shelter 3. Sign-up sheets for these activities will be at the information booth.

  - ★ Bike rentals available at North Bend State Park campground attendant's building.

  - ★ Boat rentals available at North Bend State Park marina. Call (304) 299-1768 for reservations.

- **SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE STARTING AT 8 P.M. AT SHELTER 3!!** Personnel assigned to chaperone the dance will be easily identified by their fluorescent **Youth Day Staff** badges. J.R.'s Sound and Lighting will again be the DJ.

- **FREE CAMPING!** Those desiring to camp over the weekend must indicate their camping needs on the attached reservation form. Remember, campsites with electricity are limited to a first come first served basis!

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

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

  - ★ **Youth group leaders,** please collect the money from each of your members and forward a check or money order for the total amount. Please make your check payable to **DEP.**

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

Please contact me by phone at (304) 926-0499, Ext. 1114 or e-mail **diana.k.haid@wv.gov** if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana Haid, Program Coordinator
Youth Environmental Program

50th Annual
Youth Environmental Day
Reservation Form
North Bend State Park
Saturday, May 18, 2013

Please return reservation to: Diana Haid
Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2013

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 BASIS**

_____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!