



37th Annual
Youth Environmental Conference
Hawks Nest Resort State Park
October 12-14, 2012

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 years 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 \$170 each. Make checks payable to the: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The deadline for receiving reservations is 3 pm, Thursday, September 27.

- Hawks Nest State Park requires the list of all conference participants by this date.
- A limited number of rooms are available.
- Reservations will be accepted after the September 27 deadline only if rooms are still available.

Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, chaperones included. Most rooms have two queen beds. Some have 1 king or 1 queen bed and a sofa bed.

Preference of roommates must be specified on 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, Whitewater Activities waiver (see Saturday tour information on the back of this page) and conference rules will be sent with your confirmation.

- Attendance at this conference confirms an agreement by the participant to abide by all conference rules.
- The permission slip/release form, Whitewater Activities waiver and photo consent form must be signed by the parent/guardian and by the participant and must be received by October 9. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Forms may also be hand carried to the conference if notification is provided in advance.
- Participants cannot attend the Saturday tour without all 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 12.

- Tentative activities include a tram ride to the Hawks Nest Nature Center and a Recycling workshop.
- The workshop will last approximately 45 minutes and will take place twice, at 5 pm and again at 6 pm.

Pizza will be served Friday at 7 pm in the Hawks Nest Dining Room.

- The conference convenes at 7:45 pm in the Conference Room.
- Renu Chakrabarty, DEP, Division of Air Quality, has been invited to present the evening program on Vehicle Idling and Emissions, which will begin at 8 pm.
- Door prizes and games will follow the program.

Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning will be served in the Hawks Nest Dining Room.

A tour is scheduled Saturday, October 13 to the National Park Service New River Gorge Bridge Canyon Rim Visitor Center and Fayette Station in the morning and Adventures on the Gorge for a Timber Trek aerial adventure in the afternoon. Wearing long pants and closed toe shoes are required for the Timber Trek. Also no lose hair, clothing or objects to get caught in ropes. Since it will be mid-October, a lightweight jacket is highly recommended.

- Please see www.onthegorge.com and www.nps.gov for more information on the trek and the gorge.
- Transportation will be provided by Fayette County school buses.
- Upon our arrival, lunch will be eaten at Adventures on the Gorge.

Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening at 5:30 pm in the Hawk Nest Dining Room

- Megan Flinn, Hawks Nest State Park Naturalist, will be giving a presentation on Birds at 6:30 pm.
- Reports will be given by each color group on their assignments from the tours.

Make a table centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme “Sustaining a Wild and Wonderful West Virginia”

- Centerpieces will be displayed and judged following dinner. Prizes will be awarded.
- Important:** Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be making a table centerpiece.

A dance will be held from 8 – 10 pm Saturday night in the Conference Room.

- Board games will be available in the Hawks Nest Lower Lobby and a movie will be shown in the Upper Lobby for those not wanting to attend the dance.

An idea swap will be featured Sunday morning, October 14.

- Each club is invited to give a three-minute report of their community environmental project(s).
- If you have handouts, be sure to bring 25 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.

Conference leaders from the Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Natural Resources will welcome participants on Friday and will remain through Sunday.

- If you wish to participate in the Friday afternoon workshop 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 be held responsible for any damages caused by a conference participant.

Sincerely,

Diana Haid, Program Coordinator
Youth Environmental Program

Reservation Form
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MAIL TO: Diana Haid, Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304
OR FAX TO: 304-926-0499

All reservations must be received by 3 pm, Thursday, September 27, 2012.

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 \$170 each may also be listed on the back of this form. Give the same information as above. Adult leaders please write "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 a centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme "Sustaining a Wild and Wonderful West Virginia"?

_____ 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 25 copies or let us know at registration if you need copies made.*

Please indicate the number of vegetarian meals needed: _____