



38th Annual
Youth Environmental Conference
Flatwoods Days Hotel
And Conference Center
October 4-6, 2013

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, Monday, September 23.

- The Flatwoods Days Hotel 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 by September 23.
- Reservations will be accepted after September 23 only if the hotel has not rented the released rooms.

Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, chaperones included. All rooms will be housed in the South Tower and have two double beds.

Preference of roommates must be listed 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 and conference rules will be sent with the confirmation letter.

- Attendance at this conference confirms an agreement by the participant 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 me by October 1. Faxing the forms is not an option as the signatures must be original. Forms may be hand carried to the conference and turned in at registration with advanced approval from me.
- 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 4.

- Tentative activities include a hike on the Braxton County Middle School Nature Trail, a Recycling workshop in the Huntington Conference Room and an Enviroscope workshop in the Charleston Conference Room.
- The hike and workshops will last 45 minutes and will take place twice, at 5 pm and again at 6 pm.

Pizza will be served Friday at 7 pm in Conference Room A.

- The conference convenes at 7:45 pm in Conference Room D.
- Nola Wilson from WVU Extension Office, Agriculture and Natural Resources has been invited to speak on Sustainable Farming.
- Door prizes and games will follow the presentation.

Breakfast buffets on Saturday and Sunday mornings will be served at 7 am in the Visions Restaurant located off the lobby in the North Tower.

Departing at 7:45 am, tentative tour sites for Saturday, October 5 include Sutton Dam, the West Virginia Wildlife Center in French Creek, Fish Hawk Acres Farm in Rock Cave, Ron Hinkle Glass in Hinkleville, Falls View Overlook at Burnsville, and possibly a producing horizontal well site.

- Transportation will be provided by Braxton County school buses.
- Lunch will be served at noon at either the West Virginia Wildlife Center or Fish Hawk Acres Farm.

Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening at 6 pm in Conference Room A.

- Kathy Cosco has been invited to speak about horizontal well drilling in West Virginia at 6:45 pm in Conference Room D.
- Reports will be given by each color group on their assignments from the tours.

Make a table centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme “Protecting, Promoting and Sustaining West Virginia’s Natural Resources”

- Centerpieces will be displayed and judged. 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 be held from 8 – 10 pm Saturday night in Conference Room A.

- Board games will be available in the Charleston Conference Room and a movie will be shown in the Beckley Conference Room for those not wanting to attend the dance.
- The indoor pool is also available for our use Saturday evening.

An idea swap will be featured at 8 am Sunday morning, October 6 in Conference Room D.

- Each club 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.

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
Youth Environmental Conference
Flatwoods Days Hotel and Conference Center
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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, Monday, September 23, 2013.

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 "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.*

Please indicate the number of vegetarian meals needed: _____