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Wetlands Across America in OHIO! Educator Workshops

WOW! The Wonders of Wetlands

Get an introduction to wetland ecology through a study of the three parameters of wetlands (vegetation, soils, & hydrology) as well as wetland functions and values by utilizing K-12 hands on, inquiry-based, cross-curricular activities. Workshop is June 23, 2009; \$45 includes WOW curriculum and additional course materials.

WOW! Facilitator

Continue the study of wetlands, practice additional activities not covered during WOW!, and learn the process and protocols of the nationwide WOW! Facilitator network. Participants leave with skills and materials to lead WOW! Workshops. (WOW! Is a pre-requisite) Workshop being held June 24, 2009; \$40 includes WOW! Facilitator manual and additional materials. (WOW! Is a pre-requisite)

Newly revised & updated - POW! The Planning of Wetlands

Head through the process for creating, restoring or enhancing a wetland on school grounds, or within the community. POW! incorporates activities that allow students to fully participate in designing, preparing, and monitoring a schoolyard wetland, and utilizing it as an outdoor classroom. This workshop is being held June 25, 2009; \$50 includes POW! curriculum and additional course materials.

Pre-registration is required. To register visit www.wetland.org or call 410-745-9620. When registering, \$5 off for two workshops, \$10 off for all three.

Workshops are held from 9-4 at the Upper Valley JVS in Piqua, Ohio.

Presented by: Environmental Concern & Ohio EPA office of Environments Education Fund.



Special Points of Interest

- May 25 *Memorial Day-Closed*
- June 11 *Board Meeting*
- July 04 *Independence Day-Closed*
- July 09 *Board Meeting*
- August 10 *Entry Day for Hay, Silage and Seed Show*
- August 11 *Judging Day*



Ashtabula County Fair

August 11-16

Time sure has a way of passing quickly. It's that time of year where we find ourselves thinking about what you are going to enter into the Hay, Silage, Seed and Grain Show.

Entries will be accepted Monday, August 10th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Judging will be held on Tuesday, August 11. Dr. Don Myers will be judging the entries again this year.

Entries need to be picked up on Monday, August 17th by 9:00 am. If not, seed entries and awards may be picked up at our office at 39 Wall Street in Jefferson. Hay will be placed outside of the building. Let us know if you want to pick up your hay bale and we will mark your name on it and leave in the building. These awards may also be picked up at our office.

Remember, there is a limit of **ONE ENTRY PER FAMILY, PER EXHIBIT OR NUMBER PER CLASS AND CATEGORY.**

Ohio State Parks Celebrate 60 Years

Ohio has much to celebrate! 74 State Parks are located throughout Ohio – each offering an abundance of natural resources – from beautiful lakes and forests, to great trails, camping and resort facilities, to critical wildlife habitat. Each setting offers fantastic recreational opportunities and an Opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. So join the OFSWCD in saluting the service provided by staff and volunteers of the Ohio State Parks system – and congratulate the ODNR, OSP for 60 excellent years!

Job Well Done!

Reminder

Do you have too many weeds in your pond and don't want to use chemicals to kill them? Then we suggest that you purchase some White Amur for your pond. They will help to maintain the vegetative growth below the water level.

Our Fall Amur sale will begin August 10th and will run through October 2. Pickup will be Tuesday October 6 from 10:00 am to 11:00am at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds in their main parking lot. Cost is \$13.00 per Amur.

Watch for the order form in our August issue or go to our website at www.ashtabulawcd.org. For further information call our office at 440-576-4946.

II Regional Envirothon Results Area II Regional Envirothon Results

On Wednesday April 29, approximately 400 students (grades 9 through 12) along with their advisors, traveled to Camp Asbury in Portage County to attend the Area 2 Regional Envirothon. The weather was perfect for the students as they answered test questions at each of the five Ecostations (Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils, Forestry and Biodiversity).

By 1:30 p.m. it was time to announce the winners. Cloverleaf High School A from Medina County took sixth place with Crestview High School B of Columbiana County taking fifth. Fourth place went to Waynesdale High School A of Wayne County with third place going to Chardon Black of Geauga County. Second place went to United FFA Team 1 of Columbiana County with the First place team being Chardon Red of Geauga County. The top four teams will represent Area 2 at the state competition being held at Urbana University on June 08-09-10. The first place team from the state competition will then go to the 2009 Canon Envirothon that is being held August 2-8 at the University of North Carolina in Asheville, NC. The state Envirothon, hosted by Area 5 Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is sponsored by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation and the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Ashtabula County was represented by teams from Jefferson, Geneva and Edgewood. We want to thank the students and their advisors for taking part and for all the studying they put into this competition. You represented Ashtabula County very well.

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Household Hazardous Waste Collection September 19, 2009

No Tires Accepted

**September 19, 2009
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
ASHTABULA COUNTY FAIGROUNDS**



Ashtabula County residents only. No commercial businesses.

MATERIALS TAKEN:

PAINT: Paint & Paint products - 5 gallons container or smaller. **Excessive quantities of paint containers may be charged.** Aerosols acceptable. Includes adhesives/roof tar/driveway sealers.

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS: Acid and caustic products.

BATTERIES: All household batteries. Lead acid automotive batteries, limit of 4 lead acid batteries/vehicle.

AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS: Motor oil, up to 5 gallon containers - prefer 1 gallon containers, Antifreeze, Brake fluid, Grease, Gasoline.

PESTICIDES: Liquids, Solids and Aerosols.

MERCURY: Thermometers, Thermostats, and Elemental mercury.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: Explosives, ammunition, gas cylinders, radioactive wastes, large quantities of unknown materials.

For more information call: 576-3777