

Schuylkill Conservation District Conducts Year-Round Outreach, Providing Educational Opportunities for Residents



Many districts conduct outreach to various entities in their home communities but may be looking for some other educational opportunities to present moving forward, adding some variety to their community events.

In Schuylkill County, district staff offer programming to individuals, schools and other groups to help educate residents on the importance of the environment.

“Our residents are very concerned about the environment, understanding the role the environment plays in our recreational activities, health and wellness, and the economic benefits for the county,” said district Environmental Education Coordinator (EEC) Porcupine Pat. “Additionally, they love nature and are excited about the programs we’re able to offer.”

In his role as EEC, Porcupine Pat is able to focus on creating and providing environmental education programs to the county’s residents throughout the year. Schuylkill also has several volunteers, some of which sit on a program planning committee, allowing them to brainstorm ideas regarding possible events. Additionally, the District is home to the Shadle Nature Center which offers a hands-on destination for individuals or school groups for events or nature tours.

“We are very fortunate here in Schuylkill County,” Pat noted. “Volunteers really make a difference for us and we also work to advertise our events through various outlets such as newspapers, television, radio, social media sites such as Facebook and our website. Using each of these avenues aids us in getting the word out about all of these unique opportunities and helps us keep residents informed and interested in all that we have to offer.”

For more information about the Schuylkill Conservation District, visit www.schuylkillcd.org.

