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Delaware River wins 2025 River of the Year!

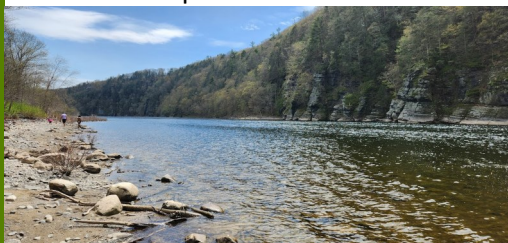
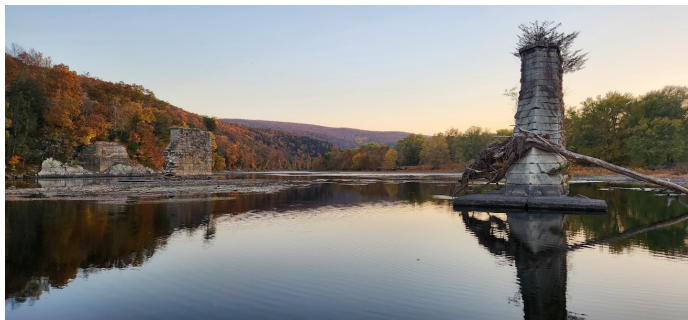
The Delaware River has been selected as Pennsylvania's River of the Year, and we are ready to celebrate! The Delaware has a remarkable history in our nation's development, stemming back to the native Lenape's early settlements along the fertile riverbanks. Its picturesque panoramas and natural resources continue to support and inspire river communities along its way. This special free-flowing river provides high-quality habitat for a diversity of wildlife and drinking water for millions of humans!

Monroe County Conservation District is diligently preparing for the upcoming **Delaware River of the Year Festival** on **Wednesday, June 18th** from 2-8pm at **Minisink Park** in Delaware Water Gap. In partnership with the Delaware River Sojourn, we successfully received a \$15,000 grant to bring this exciting event to our local community. The festival will celebrate the Delaware River and highlight its vital role in our ecosystem and daily lives. Attendees can look forward to a variety of activities, including live music,

educational presentations, talks by state representatives, and merchandise from Monroe County vendors.

We are also planning to feature local food and beverage trucks, enhancing the festival experience for all.

As part of the festival preparations, we are hosting a **Poster Contest** for high school students in the area. The winner will have their design featured as the *official festival poster* and will receive a \$250 scholarship. Please spread the word, and take a moment to appreciate our local protected river! If you have any questions regarding the festival or if you want to get involved, contact our Watershed Specialist Charlie Kelshaw at 570-629-3060. ♡



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The Board of Directors' monthly meeting is held at 10am on the third Thursday of each month at the District office. Work sessions are at 9am preceding the meeting.

Kettle Creek Environmental Fund Update

First, a big THANK YOU to Roger Spotts for his decades of dedicated service to the Monroe County Conservation District's Environmental Education Center and his support of the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund (KCEF). Roger retired in January but is continuing to volunteer his time and advice to the EE staff who remain. Roger has also worked with and supported KCEF ever since its inception in the early 1990s in his role as EE Coordinator. We look forward to his continued support of the Fund during his retirement years.

Second, I wish to welcome Carol Luthar to this district as the new EE Coordinator. The Board of Directors of KCEF look forward to her monthly reports to the Boards and her support of our fundraising efforts on behalf of the EE Center and its projects and programs.

Speaking of projects, the entrance renovation for the center has begun and KCEF will be funding a portion of this project for the district. Included in the project will be memorials to both Karen Boyle and John Woodling, using the memorial donations for both of them over the past few years. Thank you to all of the memorial donors for Karen and John.

The Fund is beginning its timeline leading up to the fall annual fundraising dinner by soliciting sponsorships for the dinner from individuals, families, businesses and municipal and township officials. In 2024 these entities collectively contributed \$23,500 towards the total dinner income of \$39,642. Sponsorships begin at \$500 and include \$1,000 and \$1,500 levels. Each level includes an escalating number of dinner tickets and other benefits for the sponsor. If you would like to be a sponsor and are not already on our mailing list for sponsors, please contact Diana at (570)629-3061 to request a sponsor invitation letter and be put on our list.

Thank you to all of our past donors and sponsors for your generous support of KCEF on behalf of environmental education for children, families, groups and others in Monroe County and beyond.

Mark your calendars for the fall dinner—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025.♣

-Dr. Elaine Rogers, KCEF President

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BUFFET DINNER
FOR A GOOD
CAUSE! →**



Around Kettle Creek



Signs of Spring are appearing all around us at Kettle Creek, and there's maybe no sweeter sign for environmental education staff than the first significant sap collection of the 2025 Maple Sugaring Season!

Have you ever wondered why we start to tap our trees in the Meesing Sugarbush in February? Sap flows most in late Winter and early Spring when temperatures alternate between freezing and thawing. These changing weather conditions and the tree's physiology lead to a difference in pressure between the inside and outside of the tree. The pressure difference pushes sap out through the tap holes we place in the tree, resulting in the dripping sap that we collect, cook, and turn into delicious syrup!

If you joined us at one of our recent Maple Sugaring public days, you know that we're still hard at work collecting, cooking, and bottling syrup from the 250 trees we tap each year. If you couldn't make it to our public days, don't worry! Check out our list of upcoming Public Programming to see how you can join us again soon.

Although we're still renovating our main entrance, our building remains open to visitors, and our trails are open to the public year-round, from sunrise to sunset. Stay awhile and you might notice some promising signs of Spring—you might see some familiar birds returning from their winter homes, hear a group of excited students on a field trip, or feel a warmer breeze as Winter ends.

We hope to see you at a program, visiting our building, or out on our trails this Spring! ♦

-Carol Luthar, Environmental Education Coordinator

2025 is going to be a big year for KCEEC as we move forward with some major building renovations that will include a new PA native species pond with glass viewing window, updated front entrance, and fun interactive displays for all ages.

As we work to ensure an educational, welcoming space for our visitors and budding conservationists, our guest entrances will be limited to the top parking lot ramp along the left side of the building and our center lot entrance "technical services" downstairs entrance. We apologize for any inconvenience and cannot wait to share our upgrades with you and your family.

Look for a press release this spring with an anticipated opening date of early summer! ♦



Project FeederWatch Update



We've had some exciting updates with our Project FeederWatch program! As of now, we've recorded a total of 24 species at our center. The variety of birds that have visited our feeders reflects the diverse bird population in the area, and it's always a treat to spot new species. Some of the most popular sightings recently have included the Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, and Dark-eyed Juncos. These familiar and lively visitors have been loving our feeders, providing plenty of opportunities for birdwatchers to enjoy and observe.

Project FeederWatch is a citizen science initiative that encourages individuals to monitor the birds that visit their feeders throughout the winter months. Participants collect valuable data that is submitted to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. This information helps scientists track bird distribution and abundance, contributing to vital research on the health and movement of bird populations. This program is also a wonderful opportunity for novice birders to gain experience. Working alongside seasoned birdwatchers, beginners can improve their bird identification skills, learn to spot different species, and deepen their understanding of bird behavior.

A note about Avian Influenza: Avian influenza, commonly known as "bird flu," is caused by an influenza type A virus. While it occurs naturally in wild birds, especially waterfowl, songbirds are much less likely to contract variants of avian influenza and are less likely to shed large amounts of the virus, meaning they do not transmit the disease easily. Avian influenza typically does not affect bird species that frequent backyard bird feeders, such as the songbirds we see at our center. It's important to note that the *avian influenza primarily affects waterfowl, raptors, and corvids (like crows, ravens), and the risk to songbirds is very low.* While it's always a good idea to practice good hygiene when handling bird feeders, there's no need for excessive concern regarding songbird health.

If you're interested in participating or would like to learn more, please feel free to reach out to Environmental Educator Derek Lederer at dlederer@monroecountypa.gov for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

We are thankful for the time our volunteers have spent at the feeders so far this season! ♦



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Program Guidelines

Pre-registration is required for all programs offered unless noted otherwise by calling 570-629-3061.

Cash or checks made payable to MCCD only.

Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week prior to the trip/program.

Building hours are Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm, and some Saturdays 9am-1pm.

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2025 Spring Public Programming

Meet the Artist:

Gary Embich: "America's Beautiful"

Saturday, March 22nd – 11am

A collection of fifty watercolor paintings that promote the preservation of our country by reminding people that we can do our part in keeping America Beautiful by preventing wildfires that can destroy the beautiful and unique things that each of our states has to offer. **There is no charge.**

Saturday, March 29th—Building Closed



Meet the Artist:

David Seiple: "Wild About Life"

Saturday, April 5th – 11am

David's passion for nature manifests itself in landscapes and wildlife portraiture. His show is a collection of David's life work in a variety of media including charcoal and colored pencils, acrylics, watercolor brush pens, oil pastels and more. **There is no charge.**

Full Moon Bog Hike

Friday, April 11th – 6:30pm



Explore the bog under the light of a full moon. The walk begins at 6:30pm and participants should bring a headlamp/flashlight. Please wear appropriate footwear. **Pre-registration is required and limited. Meet at the Tannersville Bog parking lot.**

Cost: \$6 per person

Saturday, April 12th—Building Closed

Riparian Buffer Workshop and Tree Planting at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, April 12th – 9am - 12pm

See box on page 8 for details. Refreshments will be served. **There is no charge.**

KC for Kids: Eggsploring the Outdoors: A Nature Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 15th – 10am

Join us for a wild egg hunt inspired by nature! Children will explore and discover hidden eggs representing birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and more, uncovering animals facts along the way! This one-hour program is for children 3-6.

Pre-registration is required and limited. Cost: \$7 per child

Friday - Sunday, April 18th - 20th—Building Closed



Saturday, April 26th—Building Open



**Find us at the Earth Day Celebration at
Pocono Organics on April 26th!**

Pond Peeking

Saturday, May 3rd – 10am

The pond at Kettle Creek is full of fascinating critters that are a wonder to observe. In celebration of Amphibian Week, join us from 10-11:30am as we use dip nets to explore the life in Swink Pond. Participants should be prepared to get muddy feet.

Cost: \$5 per person



Meet the Artist:

Kieran Adair

Saturday, May 3rd – 11am

Kieran's show will include a collection of various animal and nature-themed wooden art, including owls, eagles, foxes, and bears. Kieran's art will be on display all month long. **There is no charge.**



Birding the Bog

Wednesday, May 7th – 7am

Combine one of the most unique natural settings with one of the most spectacular natural phenomena and you get a morning of migration birding at the Bog. **Pre-registration is required and limited.**

Meet at the Tannersville Bog parking lot. Cost: \$6 per person



Saturday, May 10th—Building Closed

The Return of CENTURY DAY !

Sunday, May 11th – 7am - 7pm



Join us (and bring along your Mom) for a full day of Poconos birding in the Kettle Creek bus!

We will be joined by Roger Spotts along with Darryl Speicher of Pocono Avian Research Center as we seek to find 100 different species of birds for Century Day. We'll meet at Kettle Creek at 7am then head to several different areas of the county with incredibly diverse habitats in our quest to get to 100 species!

In addition to the opportunity to spend all day with Roger and Darryl, the fee includes beverages and snacks throughout the day. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is Wednesday, May 7th. There is limited space so register early! Pre-registration and payment are required and limited. Refunds given only if notification is made at least three days prior to program date. **Cost: \$35 per person**

Birding the Bog

Wednesday, May 14th – 7am

Combine one of the most unique natural settings with one of the most spectacular natural phenomena and you get a morning of migration birding at the Bog. **Pre-registration is required and limited.**

Meet at the Tannersville Bog parking lot. Cost: \$6 per person



April Showers to May Flowers

Saturday, May 17th – 10am

Come and explore the unique world of flowers by visiting those present here at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. Weather permitting, we will spend time hunting for flowers on the Kettle Creek trails.

Cost: \$5 per person

Sunday Bog Walk

Sunday, May 18th – 1pm

Join us at 1pm at the Bog parking lot and take a 2 ½ hour guided journey into the unique Tannersville Cranberry Bog. Along the way, our environmental educators will explain the Bog's formation, its interesting plant and animal life, and the role the local Preserve Committee and the Nature Conservancy play in its continued protection. Please wear appropriate footwear. **Pre-registration is required and limited.**

Meet at the Tannersville Bog parking lot. Cost: \$6 per person

Saturday, May 24th—Building Closed

Monday, May 26th—Building Closed—Holiday

Kayak Trip at the Bog

Thursday, May 29th – 10am



Join us on a paddling trip into the Bog Preserve on the narrow and lush Cranberry Creek. The program lasts about 3 hours and at low water can be strenuous. Participants can supply their own kayak or canoe, paddle and life jacket or specify rental needs at time of registration. Our limited kayak rentals are first-come, first-serve, and come with a paddle, life jacket, and whistle.

Meet at the Bog parking lot at 10am to caravan together to the creek put-in. Pre-registration is required and limited.

Cost: \$15 per person

Kayak Trip at the Bog Saturday, May 31st – 10am

Join us on a paddling trip into the Bog Preserve on the narrow and lush Cranberry Creek. The program lasts about 3 hours and at low water can be strenuous. Participants can supply their own kayak or canoe, paddle and life jacket or specify rental needs at time of registration. Our limited kayak rentals are first-come, first-serve, and come with a paddle, life jacket, and whistle.

Meet at the Bog parking lot at 10am to caravan together to the creek put-in. Pre-registration is required and limited. Cost: \$15 per person

Meet the Artist:

Linda Stockman Connors: “Artwork by Linda Stockman Connors” Saturday, May 31st – 11am

Linda’s show will have wildlife art depicted through oil and acrylic paints and will be displayed the entire month of June. **There is no charge.**



Wednesday Bog Walk Wednesday, June 4th – 10am

Join us at 10am at the Bog parking lot and take a 2 ½ hour guided journey into the unique Tannersville Cranberry Bog. Along the way, our environmental educators will explain the Bog’s formation, its interesting plant and animal life, and the role the local Preserve Committee and the Nature Conservancy play in its continued protection. Please wear appropriate footwear. **Pre-registration is required. Meet at the Tannersville Bog parking lot.**

Cost: \$6 per person

Saturday, June 7th—Building Closed

Sunday Bog Walk Sunday, June 8th – 11am

See listing on May 18th for details. This walk begins at 11am.



Bus Trip to Trexler Nature Preserve Wednesday, June 11th – 9am

Join us for a family-friendly daytrip to the Trexler Nature Preserve in Schnecksville, PA! This 1,495 acre natural preserve is the largest park in Lehigh County and a diverse natural gem with over 18 miles of trails. We’ll drive through the game preserve to view herds of bison and maybe spend time snorkeling in the Jordan Creek. We will depart from Kettle Creek at 9am and return by 3pm. **Pre-registration is required and limited. Cost: \$30 per person**

Wednesday Bog Walk Wednesday, June 11th – 10am See listing on June 4th for details.

Saturday, June 14th—Building Closed

Wednesday Bog Walk Wednesday, June 18th – 10am See listing on June 4th for details.



Sunset Bog Walk Thursday, June 19th – 7pm

Explore the beauty of the bog during the golden hour just as the sun sets. Please wear appropriate footwear. **Pre-registration is required and limited. Meet at the Tannersville Bog parking lot. Cost: \$6 per person**

CALL FOR SATURDAY GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS!

We are seeking reliable individuals who wouldn’t mind spending some occasional Saturday mornings (typically 9am to 1pm) helping out at Kettle Creek! ☺

Volunteers will help staff the gift shop and will be trained to answer phones, check in program participants, and do P.O.S. transactions while our environmental educators lead on-site programs.

If you’re interested or have any questions, please contact Brittney at bcoleman@monroecountypa.gov.

A Warm Welcome to our new EE Coordinator, Carol Luthar

I'm so excited to join the incredible team at Kettle Creek as Environmental Education Coordinator!

Growing up nearby in the Lehigh Valley, I've enjoyed wonderful experiences immersed in the beautiful outdoor landscapes of Eastern Pennsylvania. Opportunities to explore the natural world led me to pursue a bachelor's degree in Earth and Environmental Science from Lehigh University, with a focus on ecology.

I've been involved in informal and outdoor education ever since, holding a variety of roles at the Wildlands Conservancy, Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, and the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Most recently, I was a Senior Manager of STEAM Education at Da Vinci Science Center, where I worked to expand the center's outreach programming at local schools, worked to align curriculum with new science standards and evaluate program quality, and led the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) initiative to encourage girls to pursue STEAM careers.

I'm passionate about creating enriching and inclusive outdoor experiences for kids where they feel safe, understood, and free to express themselves, exploring new and evidence-based ideas and frameworks for environmental science teaching and learning, and supporting girls and women in science and science careers.

Outside of work, I enjoy crafting, caring for my collection of cacti, binge-watching "The Office", and relaxing at the pool with a good book and an iced coffee. ♦

-Carol Luthar, Environmental Education Coordinator



The Pennsylvania Invasive Replacement Program is a new initiative that will give homeowners and others the option to remove invasive trees and shrubs from their property and replace them with native trees. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is joined by several partner organizations to provide landowners and homeowners with up to five (5) FREE, healthy, young, native tree species to replace invasive trees and shrubs removed from their property, starting in May of this year. Find out more information on DCNR's website and feel free to contact the District for outreach and education involving the importance of native species and how to eradicate invasives! ♦

Kettle Creek's Winter Eagle Watches—AKA "Raptor Rambles"

We hosted two mid-winter bus trips to seek and behold the glory of our majestic National Bird! Winter is a perfect time for eagle watching; since many of our local water bodies freeze over, eagles congregate at moving water areas like the Delaware and Lackawaxen Rivers to do their fishing. This time of year is also when eagle courtship behaviors can be seen—like chasing each other through the skies and potentially locking talons and cartwheeling towards the ground! Although bald eagles mate for life, even old couples will engage in this thrilling courtship spectacle in order to strengthen their trust and pair bond to ultimately become a better parenting team.

In addition to eagles, we also spotted over a dozen red-tailed hawks plus Coopers, Sharp-shinned, Broad-winged, and Red-Shouldered Hawks. Other cool species of note were a Merlin and some elegant mute swans in the river. ♦



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Nancy Tully





RIPARIAN BUFFER WORKSHOP AND TREE PLANTING

Join us for an educational workshop and tree planting to celebrate Earth Day at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge! We'll be learning about nonpoint source pollution in our waterways and the role that streambank vegetation plays in protecting water quality. After the workshop, we'll head out to the banks of Cherry Creek for some hands-on conservation activities.

We'll have shovels available for the tree planting. Coffee will be provided in the morning and we'll have pizza for lunch!
To register for this free event, reach out to Charles Kelshaw at the Monroe County Conservation District.

WHEN:

April 12th, 2025
9:00am - 12:00pm

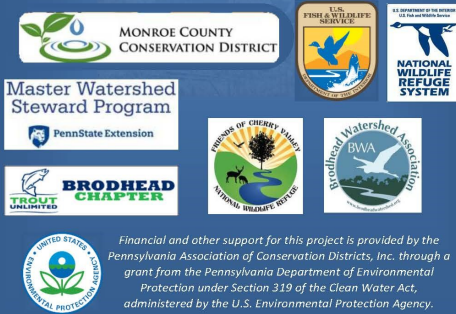
WHERE:

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge
2138 Croasdale Rd.
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

EVENT CONTACT:

Charles Kelshaw
ckelshaw@monroecountypa.gov
570-629-3060

This opportunity is being sponsored by the following Partners:



Financial and other support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



The 44th Annual Christmas Bird Count Results

On Sunday December 15, 2024, seventeen dedicated volunteers took to the fields and forests, scanned the rivers, streams, lakes and ponds in search of birds. It was the day of the 44th annual **Pocono Mountain Christmas Bird Count**. The CBC is the oldest citizen scientist project in the world. It began with famed ornithologist Frank Chapman, founder of Bird Lore (which would become Audubon) magazine in December of 1900. The Pocono Mountain Chapter of the National Audubon Society began the Pocono Mountain CBC in December of 1980. Although the Pocono Mountain Chapter of Audubon folded several years ago the Christmas Bird Count continues.

This year the volunteers found 2,995 individual birds of 60 different species. Some of the species are found in large numbers: 211 Canada geese, 143 Tufted titmice, 684 dark-eyed juncos. Others are not so conspicuous but with so many eyes searching they are found: 2 American tree sparrows, 1 White-crowned sparrow and 1 pine siskin. And then there are those that still surprise even ardent birders like 78 Eastern bluebirds and 14 Bald eagles. Even though we know they are around, the numbers still surprise us, bluebirds because, well, it's winter, and the bald eagle because it was not that long ago when they stood on the brink of extinction.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that continue to make the CBC the oldest citizen science project on Earth. The 2025 CBC will be held on Sunday, December 14. Please consider joining us in keeping this historic effort alive. ♦

-Darryl Speicher, Pocono Avian Research Center



Celebrating 50 years of CONSERVATION CAMP!



For the past 50 years, what was once a novel brainchild of MCCC along with Monroe County Sportsmen's clubs has blossomed into our longest-running program and a very special week we are *so proud* to host every year.

Conservation Camp is a unique and authentic experience which has exposed over 1200 teenagers to the outdoor world and all its resources. We strive to create a positive and encouraging camp environment where every camper can participate in numerous outdoor activities while being a part of an intimate group of 30 teenagers plus staff.

What also makes Conservation Camp so special and immersive is that we **do not allow cell phones** for the campers, in order to inspire more open communication and interaction with fellow campers, staff, and environmental professionals.

Past campers have commented on being a bit apprehensive when first arriving at camp but by the end of the week they considered it *one of the best experiences ever*. Over that one week period, we see campers learn about the outdoors, socialize and support each other, push beyond their comfort zones and truly enjoy being in the present moment together. In other words, they learn what is truly important in an otherwise sedentary, technology-laden, and dopamine-addicted modern lifestyle.

Most importantly, they learn why all of the above MATTERS—why we explore, adventure, meet new people, try new experiences, and why we protect the places where all of that just falls into place—our natural environment. And in between all of that, our teenage campers learn a little bit more about themselves along the way.

Camp activities include programs on **natural history, wildlife management, water quality, archery, trap shooting, a high adventure ropes course and a 2-day canoe camping trip on the Delaware River**. Each activity is led by professionals in the field and is designed to be both informative and enjoyable. The camp is held at Stony Acres, an East Stroudsburg University facility near Marshall's Creek. The cost for the entire week is \$200 and it includes everything. We also have scholarships available for qualified campers. **Our 50th Conservation Camp will be held Saturday, July 19th - 26th** and applications are on our website at www.mcconservation.com.

To quote a past camper:

"For some reason, basically being stuck on the river with people you do not know really creates an awesome experience that will last a lifetime." ☺

Camp is limited to 30 campers so please register early! ♠



Day Camps for the Younger

GET IN TOUCH WITH NATURE



Ages 7 - 10

Choose one week:

June 16th - 20th,
July 28th - August 1st OR
August 4th - 8th

Get outside and explore this special place we call home! This camp is very hands-on with nature so plan on hiking the trails, finding critters, and getting muddy!

\$170 per camper

Day camps are Monday through Friday, 8am-3:30pm with late pick-up available for an additional fee. There's limited availability so **please call first!** Applications can be found online at

www.mcconservation.org. ♠

ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages 11 - 13

Choose one week:

June 16th - 20th,
July 28th - August 1st (FULL)
OR August 4th - 8th

Grab your gear and head out with us as we explore interesting places in the Poconos. This camp will include fun field trips, plus kayaking adventures and an evening campfire meal!

\$210 per camper

Avian Flu Update

According to the PA Game Commission Avian Flu is a common viral disease of birds that can infect humans and other mammals. The viruses are classified on the severity of the illness they cause in poultry and most are not considered a public health threat. The virus is shed through all excretions (saliva, feces) and is highly contagious among birds. While the "bird flu" is typically observed in waterfowl and some birds of prey, our community needs to be diligent in keeping our songbird and domestic birds protected.

The PA Game Commission recommends the following: Exercise good hygiene when maintaining bird feeders and baths to prevent the spread of disease. Every couple of weeks, feeders and baths should be emptied, washed with soapy water, rinsed, then a 10% household bleach solution should be applied to disinfect them before refilling (either allow a 10-minute contact time before rinsing or allow to air dry). Any spilled seed should also be cleaned up to mitigate disease spread.

Besides the impacts to our wild avian populations, increases in viral outbreaks on farms and egg production operations are seeing an exponential increase in the costs associated with keeping their birds safe and healthy and reducing the risk of Avian



flu to consumers. This is why you might see the skyrocketing of prices of eggs and products made with eggs at your local grocery store.



**The Gallery at
*Kettle Creek***

April
David Seiple "Wild About Life"
David's passion for nature manifests itself in landscapes and wildlife portraiture. His show is a collection of David's life work in a variety of media including charcoal and colored pencils, acrylics, watercolor brush pens, oil pastels and more.

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Kieran Adair
Kieran's show will include a collection of various animal and nature-themed wooden art, including owls, eagles, foxes, and bears.

June
Linda Stockman Connors
"Artwork by Linda Stockman Connors"
This show will have wildlife art depicted through oil and acrylic paints.

While there is currently no known cure for the Avian flu, scientists are working diligently with farmers to combat its reach and reduce the risks to human health and safety. As is always the case, stay educated and stay informed. If you have any questions regarding Avian Influenza, please contact the PA Game Commission for wild birds and the US Department of Agriculture for domestic birds. ♦

