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Capture your students love of learning about the Environment



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Important Dates:

- March 13th– [Tree Orders](#) Due to Wayne SWCD
- March 22nd –[Envirothon Team Registrations](#) Due
- March 29th [Fish Orders](#) Due
- April - [Native Plant Month](#)
- April 8th—[Total Solar Eclipse!](#)
- April 9th—Fish Sale Pick-up at 9
- April 17th—Tree Sale Pick-up @ WC Fairgrounds, Noon– 4:30 pm
- April 20th—[Scarlet, Gray & Green Fair @ Secrest 10-4](#)
- April 22nd- [Earth Day](#)
- April 24th - [Area 2 Envirothon at Kidron Community Park](#)
- April 26th—[Arbor Day](#)

Kelly's Korner

Just like [Buckeye Chuck](#) and Punxsutawney Phil predicted, we seem to be enjoying an easier winter than normal. Yea! With that in mind, spring is sneaking up on me, and before we know it, yep... spring fever will be in the air! I wanted to make a quick newsletter to remind everyone that there is a lot of environmental events taking place, contests, and programs. So please take note and mark your calendars! Check out the links and also, contact me early if you would like any programs. I will be limited this spring in scheduling due to several factors. The month of April I will NOT be doing programs due to Wayne SWCD hosting the [Envirothon](#), plus our tree and fish sale pick-up takes place in April. We also will have our office partially closed off as we experience renovations in May. As a reminder, my [conservation education programs](#) are FREE to schools or non-profit groups in Wayne County, offered Monday thru Thursday. Call or email me, Kelly at kriley@wayneohio.org to schedule.

Likable Links...click on these hyperlinks! ~Enjoy

- ◆ 100 million –1 Billion Birds are killed every year in the US from collisions with windows! [Find out how to stop birds from flying into windows, according to experts.](#)
- ◆ Insect or Pest question? From Pollinators to Invasive Species, the [OSU Extension Online Fact Sheets](#) are loaded with wonderful resources and can be printed or made into pdf's. *Save this site.*
- ◆ Get outside, but [BE TICK SMART](#)... we have had a mild winter... So Protect, Check, Remove, Watch. [Learn more at Ohio Dept. of Health.](#)
- ◆ Spring...means Peepers! Do you know who else is croaking? Learn to [ID Ohio's Frog and Toad Calls with this YouTube video link](#) to OSU/ CFAES presenter and enjoy sounds of spring! A 2– part series.
- ◆ Start planning for the deadline of January 2025... and enter the [Caring for Our Watersheds Contest!](#) This is an education program that engages students in preserving and improving their local watersheds through student-led solutions. It is curriculum-based and an excellent way to bring project-based learning to the classroom. Plus, students and their schools can win cash-prizes! For students 9-12 grades.
- ◆ Looking for lessons on climate change? [The Weather & Climate Education Explorer](#) provides a sortable list of external resources on the general topics of weather, climate, and climate change. Many of the resources can be used as-is or adapted for virtual learning and at home teaching environments. From [ISeagrant.org](#)—it's great!
- ◆ Rock and Geology Hounds will love [ODNR's Educational Resource site](#)—with lessons, materials and interactive maps.

Attention ~ Any 3rd grade Teacher in [Wayne](#) County! If you'd like free seedlings for your students, please contact us ASAP! Limited quantities of trees available. Call 330-263-5376 or email kriley@wayneohio.org

The Regular Tree Seedling Sale is also ongoing until March 13th

Attention 3rd grade Teachers!

We are offering **FREE Tree Seedlings!** Wayne SWCD has a limited supply, once they are gone, the offer is gone. To any 3rd grade teacher or homeschool group that signs up for their students... can receive a free scotch pine tree seedling. Available for pick-up on Weds. APRIL 17th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds from noon until 4:30 PM. Must call the office 330-263-5376 or email Kelly at kriley@wayneohio.org to sign up.





DID YOU KNOW???

After being extirpated from Ohio for over 50 years, Sandhill Cranes **began breeding again in 1987 in Wayne County**. Their numbers have continued to increase but they are still listed as state threatened in Ohio. The next Crane Count will be held on **Saturday, April 13, 2024** from 6:30-8:30 am . Please visit this site for details and great links: <https://obcinet.org/get-involved/ohio-crane-count/>

DID YOU KNOW???

Oak trees are long-lived and support more life forms than any other tree in America.



We are ready to find the largest **WHITE OAK** tree in Wayne County!

You have until July 19th 2024 to get your nominations in to us! It's simple

and easy to do. Fill out the form. Let us do the rest. Winning nominator gets \$25 gift card and winning tree owner gets a special plaque. **Forms are on the website and in our office.**

DID YOU KNOW???

You can refresh and get credit all at the same time. Check out these upcoming conferences!

- [Vernal Poolooza 3/7-9 at Camp Otý'Okwa, Reg. varies](#)
- [Ohio Woodland, Water & Wildlife Conference in Mansfield on 3/6 Reg. due by 2/26](#)
- [Project WILD Ed Workshop at Atwood Lake on 3/16.](#)
- [ODNR's Wildlife Diversity Conference 3/14 in Columbus](#)
- [EECO Conference at Salt Fork State Park 4/12-14. Room RSVP due 3/8](#)

Three Important Events: Eclipse, Envirothon & Poster Contest...

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APRIL 8, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

In 2024, a total eclipse will go through Ohio. Start planning for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!"

Eclipse.Ohio.Gov

On Monday, April 8th, people within a 124-mile-wide band in the state of Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse! Start planning now and learn more about this at <https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse>

Educators! Check out these resources for teaching about the Solar Eclipse and get your glasses!

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Science/Resources-for-Science/2024-Solar-Eclipse>

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Wayne SWCD is hosting the 2024 Area II **Envirothon** on April 24th for 17 Northeast Ohio County high school students grades 9 thru 12. The Envirothon is a competitive, academic, outdoor team event which tests students' knowledge in areas of aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife, and the current environmental issue of renewable energy for a sustainable future. Teams of five rotate through five environmental eco-stations. The event is designed to stimulate and reinforce the student's interest in our environment and our natural resources while encouraging cooperative decision making, team building and problem solving. We are currently seeking Wayne County TEAMS! Any high school or home-school team can compete, **the deadline to register is Friday, March 22nd.** [Sponsor forms](#), [study materials](#), & [registration](#), are online at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education/envirothon> or feel free to contact us with any questions!

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POSTER CONTEST: The annual poster contest is for any student in Wayne county grades Kindergarten through 12th. Posters are a captivating way for our youth to tell a story everyone can understand while learning to be wise stewards of our natural resources. The contest follows rules and guidelines established by the NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts). The 2024 Stewardship Theme is: **"May the Forest Be With You"**. Posters must have this displayed as the title! **For more information go to the following link: www.nacdnet.org** - click on the Conservation Education Hub tab and look for contests, or visit our website at:



<https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education/poster-contest> for more details. We can also accept scanned /e-mailed posters.

Posters are due to the Wayne SWCD office **by 4:30 pm April 26th.**