

CONQUEST

"Capture your students love of learning about the environment"



Have you Considered Conservation? In your classroom?

Let me explain... "Consider Conservation" is the handout– also attachment in many e-mails along with this newsletter that lists and details the FREE educational programs offered by Wayne SWCD. So have you considered a conservation education program? If so, look over the options. There are ten different programs and they range from Kindergarten to HS/College level. These science and environmental educational programs can be tailored to meet your needs. They are offered Monday thru Thursday to any non-profit educational group in Wayne County. Many already meet and are correlated to the ODE science curriculum standards. To schedule one, contact Kelly Riley - email is best— kriley@wayneoh.org or by calling the office.

NEW PHONE # SAME LOCATION

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*Located in the
lower level of the
County
Administration
Bldg.*



EnviroScape Model Program



Outdoor Ed at Barnes Preserve



Freddie The Fish Program

Watch your students flock to view a bird cam!

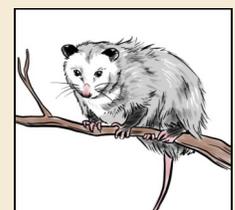
BIRDS Galore! Who doesn't love a good bird cam? If you have never experience a bird cam live feed, then maybe you should, and just let your students get hooked on it too! There are several sites you can visit, and I suggest you take time to go over "Life Lessons" and use teachable moments, as anything goes, and anything could happen, yes... it's real. There are helpful links and educational resources on many of the sites. Cornell Lab of Ornithology has several great educational resources, and live cams as well. Visit <http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/all-cams/> You can also see the famous DC Eagles at <https://www.dceaglecam.org/> or <https://www.eaglecam.org/> No matter what... it's better than a video game or TV! And more than likely, you can tie it into some educational lesson. Enjoy!



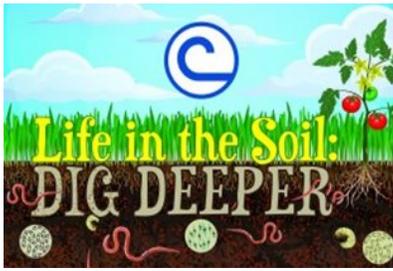
DID YOU KNOW?

Opossums act like little vacuum cleaners when it comes to ticks – with a single opossum hoovering up and **killing as many as 4,000 ticks per week!** Opossums can eat or remove as much as 96 % of the ticks that land on them.

Don't make them roadkill!



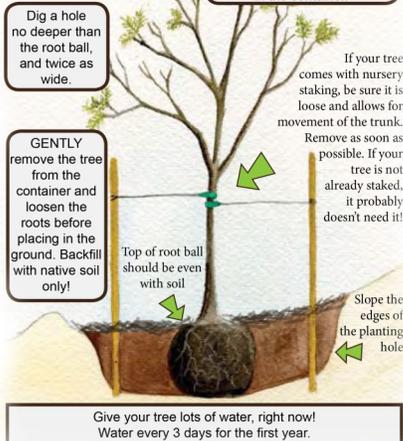
I'm the only marsupial in North American too!



Did you Know?

Trees lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade. Shaded surfaces may be 20–45°F cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded materials.

How To Plant Your Tree



Guide to Ohio Trees By Ohio DNR Forestry great pictures & info!



Monarch Butterflies need Milkweed & Spring Peepers need vernal pools. Both need our help!



Enter Our Poster Contest

POSTER CONTEST: Each year, Wayne SWCD sponsors an annual poster contest for grades K-12. The poster contest theme changes each year based on the NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) national theme. The rules and guidelines are followed by the NACD rules. The 2019 Stewardship Theme is: "Life in the Soil: DIG DEEPER." Posters must have this displayed as the title! **For more information and the 2019 poster size requirements go to the following link:** www.nacdnet.org - click on Get Involved tab and the Stewardship & Education - and look for Contests, or visit <http://wayneswcd.org/postercontest.html> Students in Wayne County can enter. Posters are due to the Wayne SWCD office **by 4:30 pm April 26th.**

Planet or Plastic?

By now, hopefully you have made some sort of "green" change in your life. Whether you recycle, plant pollinator habitat, use recyclable bags, compost food scraps at home, or simply have banned single use straws, you can make a difference in the environment. And as an educator and a leader, you are a role model for students. SO be in the know—know that single use plastic is BAD! If you'd like me to come into your classroom, and tie this in with a lesson, I have a perfect program that ties in with this subject called Tony the Trashbag, contact me—Kelly, to schedule something! I'd be happy to help you!

Truth is, most Americans are shamefully wastefully with plastic. And they notoriously don't recycle single use plastic. Shoppers in the United States use almost one plastic bag per resident per day. Compared with shoppers in Denmark that only use an average of four plastic bags a year. (see [Fast Facts about Plastic Pollution](#).) So, it's never too late to make a pledge or educate the youth about the good that people can do in their lives, by change. Until plastic bags are banned, and recycling can increase, we need to improve our planet. Plastic recycling rates are highest in Europe at 30%, China's rate is 25%, and [The United States recycles just 9 percent of its plastic trash](#). To learn more about how India has banned ALL single use plastic read this interesting article at National Geographic <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2019/02/india-single-use-plastic-bans-maharashtra-tamil-nadu/>.

Migration is underway...

We all think of birds, buzzards, and Monarch butterflies migrating...but let's not forget about our local little guys and girls! The amphibians! Summit Metro Park offers a cool program that you must register for at 330-865-8065. From March to April on [Amphibian Migration](#), and it's dependent on Mother Nature, Call them or follow them on Social Media. The park is at [Sand Run](#). That being said, education is the KEY! Slow down, don't run them over, help protect their habitat. This time of year, [amphibians](#) are moving across forest floors and roads in search of vernal pools to breed. Once in place, male peepers vocalize to attract mates. From salamanders to the dime-sized peeper, we want them to cross the road safely. Be on the lookout for light rain, temperature above 50 degrees and dark nights. Also check out the website www.savethefrogs.com.