

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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### March 2026 Programs and Attendance:

#### **Number of Programs: 65**

- 62 Reserved Programs
- 3 Public Programs

#### **Program Attendance: 1812**

- 1443 (Reserved Programs)
- 369 (Public Programs)

#### **Daily Building Attendance: 143**

#### **Total Attendance: 1955**

### March 2026 Program Summary and Upcoming Events:

- EE staff saw 1955 guests in the month of March across 65 programs.
- Highlights included hosting many school groups for Maple Sugaring Field Trips in early March, and our 2 Maple Sugaring Community Days on March 7 and March 14. We are breaking down our maple sugaring setup and hope to have syrup bottled and the site reset by mid- April. We also brought our updated Bog and Habitat lessons out to county schools in late March and are preparing for the return of field trip groups to KCEEC, Meesing, and the Tannersville Cranberry Bog in April.
- Staff attended the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators (PAEE) conference to network with and learn from colleagues across the state. We attended sessions spanning many aspects of environmental education including some highlights:
  - A tour of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's mobile program truck explained how they store and transport gear including macroinvertebrate study supplies, river chemistry testing kits, maps and education tools, and extra clothes/shoes/hats to make sure participants have what they need on river trips.

- Delaware County Intermediate Unit representatives showed us ways to incorporate ArcGIS Story Maps into lessons and programs.
- The Pittsburg Parks Conservancy shared how their youth-led summer camp creates engaging and impactful experiences for middle and high school students and provided tips for more inclusive and accessible youth camps.
- PA Game Commission representatives from the Philadelphia area shared their best practices for culturally aware and accessible approaches to make conservation education meaningful for all.
- EE Coordinator joined Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for Kettle Creek’s own presentation “STEELS on Wheels: Taking Environmental Education on the Road Using an Efficacy Lens”. We led about 50 participants from across the state in a short STEELS-aligned lesson that models what effective, easy to use portable programs look like from a learner’s perspective. We then discussed strategies to improve the quality and capacity of education programs that lead to stronger student engagement and educator efficacy. We left participants with tools to audit their own programs including a self-created rubric that evaluates the ways they select, organize, transport, and store their program materials to create better student outcomes and empowered educators.

**March Program Details:**

**Reserved Programs**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Group Name and Number of Classes</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Number of Students, Number of Adults</i>	
3/2/2026	CHC at CBC	1	Maple Sugaring	23, 5
	Wallenpaupack Area School	1		3, 2
3/3/2026	District		Maple Sugaring	
3/4/2026	Moravian Academy- Swain Campus	1	Maple Sugaring	26, 2
3/4/2026	Stroudsburg High School	3	Maple Sugaring	47, 20
3/5/2026	Growing Concern	1	Maple Sugaring	13, 7
3/5/2026	Homeschool group	1	Maple Sugaring	
3/6/2026	Commonwealth Charter Academy	3	Maple Sugaring	47, 20
3/10/2026	Clear Run Intermediate School	3	Bog Classroom Program	72, 1
3/11/2026	Clear Run Intermediate School	3	Bog Classroom Program	70, 2
3/12/2026	Clear Run Intermediate School	2	Bog Classroom Program	49, 3
3/16/2026	Resica Elementary School	2	Bog Classroom Program	44, 5
3/16/2026	Clear Run Intermediate School	2	Bog Classroom Program	51, 1
3/17/2026	Resica Elementary School	2	Bog Classroom Program	45, 2
3/17/2026	Swiftwater Intermediate School	3	Bog Classroom Program	61, 3

3/18/2026	Swiftwater Intermediate School	3	Bog Classroom Program	73, 8
3/19/2026	Tobyhanna Elementary Center	3	Bog Classroom Program	79, 3
3/20/2026	Swiftwater Intermediate School	2	Bog Classroom Program	48, 2
3/21/2026	Nazareth Area School District	1	Science Fair	50,50
3/23/2026	Swiftwater Intermediate School	3	Bog Classroom Program	70, 3
3/23/2026	East Stroudsburg Elementary	3	Bog Classroom Program	46, 3
3/24/2026	East Stroudsburg Elementary	2	Bog Classroom Program	35, 2
		3	Pocono Habitats Classroom Program	73, 4
3/24/2026	Chipperfield Elementary			
3/25/2026	JM Hill Elementary	3	Bog Classroom Program	56, 3
		3	Pocono Habitats Classroom Program	73, 5
3/25/2026	Chipperfield Elementary			
3/26/2026	JM Hill Elementary	2	Bog Classroom Program	33, 2
3/27/2026	Middle Smithfield Elementary	3	Bog Classroom Program	64, 4
		3	Pocono Wildlife Classroom Program	25, 5
3/31/2026	Hamilton Elementary			

### Public Programs

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Number of Students</i>	<i>Number of Adults</i>
3/7/2026	Maple Sugaring Community Day	51	111
3/14/2026	Maple Sugaring Community Day	53	142
3/27/2026	Middle Creek Bus Trip		12

<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
3/1/2026	0	Building Closed	3/16/2026	2
3/2/2026	5		3/17/2026	7
3/3/2026	3		3/18/2026	7
3/4/2026	8		3/19/2026	4
3/5/2026	4		3/20/2026	3
3/6/2026	3		3/21/2026	0 Building Closed
		Closed, Maple Sugaring	3/22/2026	0 Building Closed
3/7/2026	0		3/23/2026	3
3/8/2026	0	Building Closed	3/24/2026	10
3/9/2026	10		3/25/2026	4
3/10/2026	15		3/26/2026	9
3/11/2026	6		3/27/2026	4
3/12/2026	4		3/28/2026	0 Building Closed
3/13/2026	7		3/29/2026	0
		Closed, Maple Sugaring	3/30/2026	15
3/14/2026	0		3/31/2026	10
3/15/2026	0	Building Closed		