

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

September 2026

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September 2026 Programs and Attendance:

Number of Programs: 18

- 9 Reserved Programs, 9 Public Programs

Program Attendance: 690

- 575 (Reserved Programs), 115 (Public Programs)

Daily Building Attendance: 223

- Building Open 24 Days

Total Attendance: 913

September 2026 Program Summary and Upcoming Events:

EE staff welcomed 913 guests in September. Highlights from the month included:

- **2 Successful Bus Trips!** We hosted the Elk Overnight Bus Trip where guests visited Elk County for some elk sightings and nature watching, and the Adventure Surprise bus trip where participants were able to hike and explore at various nearby “surprise” locations including Jacobsburg State Park and Camel’s Hump Farm.
- **An updated Biology Through Ecology program at East Stroudsburg HS South!** Over the past few months, we’ve been updating the field trip portion of the Biology Through Ecology program to make the student experience more interactive and meaningful. We made programmatic changes to two existing stations and partnered with Charles and the tech staff to introduce an electrofishing station and demonstration, replacing one of the previous activities. Students rotated through four hands-on activities: a hike along the Levee Loop Trail to look for signs of flooding and human intervention; a redesigned macroinvertebrate sampling station featuring a

sorting board to help students more easily identify their findings; an engineering challenge in which students designed a best management practice to contain soil runoff during a simulated rainfall; and the new electrofishing station, where students had the opportunity to try on the equipment and observe fish up close.

Data comparison before and after our recent changes taken from student surveys, and photos of this semester's program are below:

Spring 2026

88%

of students said they tried something new

94%

of students said they learned something new

73%

of students learned more about environmental careers

Fall 2026

94%

of students said they tried something new

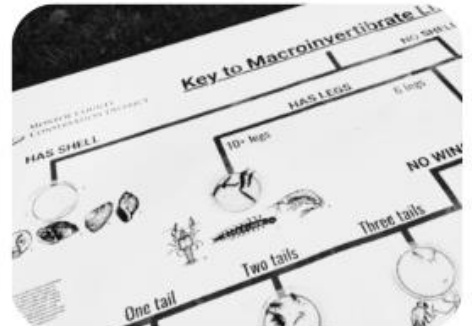
96%

of students said they learned something new

87%

of students learned more about environmental careers

Number of Students Surveyed
Spring= 52
Fall= 54



- **Staff has been working on finalizing some new program options for booking beginning in the Spring!** We are working to expand our program choices for schools. We are finishing up lesson plans and testing the following new options:

In-Class Visit Options:

Grades PreK/K

- **Who Needs Trees?** PreK students become tree detectives as they discover all the ways we use trees to make everyday items! They'll explore, sort, and work with different parts of a tree while learning and having fun with their friends.

Grades K-2

- **Sun Detectives:** Explore how the sun warms up different surfaces. Feel, observe, and investigate how shade and color can make a difference then brainstorm creative ways people can use shade, trees, and light-colored surfaces to help keep their communities cool!

Grades 3-5

- **Weather Wonders: From Forecasts to Solutions:** Work with your friends to observe and explore weather patterns in the Pocono Mountains and around the world. Map your observations to uncover trends and think about how a changing climate could shape the places we call home. Then, put your discoveries to work as you design, test, and improve your own leaf sweeper!

Grades 6-8

- **Operation Eco-Air-Drop: Redesign a Drone-Delivered Seed Spreader** Team up to tackle the challenges of a changing climate! Analyze real Pennsylvania wildfire data to discover how fires impact our local communities and the challenges of helping nature recover. Then, use the engineering design process to improve a drone-delivered seed-spreading device that can help re-seed a local forest after a fire!

Grades 9-12

- **Justice For All:** Do environmental issues affect everyone equally? Work with your friends to investigate real-world environmental justice issues, uncover the environmental risks different communities face, and explore how socio-economic factors can shape who is most impacted and why.

Family Night Program Option:

KETTLE CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Community Nature Nights

Starting at \$375

Come explore, discover, and get a little wild together! Community Nature Nights invite families to experience the nature-filled learning students shared with Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center throughout the school year.

Try out hands-on activities that showcase what students have been discovering while finding fun new ways to connect with nature as a family and community!

Activities Include:

- Be an Animal Detective!**
Take a closer look at microscope images of real animal artifacts and see if you can match each mystery close-up to the real-life object.
- Design Your Dream Schoolyard!**
Choose the plants, trees, flowers, and ground cover you'd like to include, then build your own schoolyard model.
- Learn to Use Binoculars!**
Learn how lenses help us see near and far while sharpening your observation skills and using binoculars to find birds!

AND create your own Seed Pellet to plant at home!

Grades K-5
Maximum 125 Participants
Includes 5 Station Activities
Program Lasts Up to 2 Hours

September Program Details:

Date	Organization/Public Program	Program Name	Actual Number of Students	Actual Number of Adults
9/2/2026	Public Program	Bog Walk	0	4
9/9/2026	Public Program	Bog Walk	0	6
9/12/2026	Public Program	Meet the Artist	0	29
9/12/2026	Public Program	Fungi at the Bog	2	10
9/14/26- 9/16/26	Public Program	Elk Bus trip overnight	0	9
9/16/2026	Hamilton Elementary	Pocono Habitats Classroom Program	51	4
9/16/2026	East Stroudsburg Elementary	Life in a Pond Classroom Program	30	3
9/16/2026	Public Program	Bog Walk	0	16
9/18/2026	East Stroudsburg Elementary	Life in a Pond Classroom Program	46	8
9/22/2026	East Stroudsburg HS South	Bio Through Ecology Classroom	135	5
9/23/2026	East Stroudsburg Elementary	Life in a Pond Field Trip	33	6
9/23/2026	Public Program	Bog Walk	2	11
9/24/26- 9/25/26	East Stroudsburg HS South	Biology Through Ecology Field	159	8
9/25/2026	Public Program	Adventure Surprise Bus Trip	0	10
9/28/2026	East Stroudsburg Elementary	Life in a Pond Field Trip	45	8
9/30/2026	East Stroudsburg Elementary	Life in a Pond Classroom Program	30	4
9/30/2026	Public Program	Bog Walk	0	16

September Building Attendance:

Date	Attendance	Notes
9/1/2026	5	
9/2/2026	5	
9/3/2026	6	
9/4/2026	9	
9/5/2026	0	Closed
9/6/2026	0	Closed
9/7/2026	0	
9/8/2026	2	
9/9/2026	5	
9/10/2026	22	
9/11/2026	21	
9/12/2026	0	
9/13/2026	0	Closed
9/14/2026	9	
		9/15/2026 4
		9/16/2025 5
		9/17/2026 10
		9/18/2026 5
		9/19/2026 0 Closed
		9/20/2026 0 Closed
		9/21/2026 6
		9/22/2026 6
		9/23/2026 52
		9/24/2026 6
		9/25/2026 24
		9/26/2026 3
		9/27/2026 0 Closed
		9/28/2026 3
		9/29/2026 6
		9/30/2026 9

