

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Jan 2021

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PROGRAM TOTALS 2020:

Programs	-225
Attendance	- 3,985

Programs:

-EE staff has distributed Kindergarten video bird feeding program packages to Pleasant Valley, and Pocono Mountain Schools. Some of the schools are also getting materials to make feeders.

-Brittney along with Alex finalized and submitted a Farm to Table Grant Application.

-Maple sugaring groups and the public are registering for March Programs following Covid-19 guidelines.

-We are actively looking for a location to hold Conservation Camp in July. The hope is to have access to Stony Acres with ESU permission. If not we are looking at possibly holding it at Kettle Creek.

- We are working with MCMWMA on a program for teachers on Solid Waste and Water Quality.

-While we will not be able to hold a County wide Earth Day Celebration, we are looking to partner with local groups to do a virtual "Earth Week" Series of events for a wide ranging audience.

Miscellaneous:

-Curbside bird seed sales continue to go well. We will have bird seed available for curbside pick-up throughout the winter.

-Maple tree sponsor program has been going very well. We will take sponsorships until the end of Feb.

-EE staff has spent time organizing all program equipment.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

December

Fri. Dec. 11 Public Zoom Program- "Weasel Family" 6

PROGRAM TOTALS:

Programs - 1 Attendance - 6
School - 0 Private - 0 Public - 1

YEAR End -TOTALS:

Programs - 225 Attendances - 3,985
School -76 Private - 112 Public - 37

GENERAL BUILDING VISITATION: 401 as of December 31, 2020 (building closed on March 18, 2020)

PROGRAMS BY OTHER PEOPLE:

T - Technician C - Contracted Services
HE - Hydraulic Engineer G - Guest Speaker
WS - Watershed Specialist V - Volunteers DM - District Manager

BUILDING USE:

Red Cross Blood Drive Dec. 18, 2020

Kettle Creek EE Center 2020 Year in review:

2020 has been unlike any year we have ever had at the EE Center. Covid-19 caused a number of program cancellations and adjustments not only for our school programs, which typically make up over 60% of our programs, but also for all of our other program categories. Throughout the year EE staff made adjustments and strived to provide safe program options for people of all ages. Listed below are the 2020 highlights at the EE Center;

- We conducted 225 programs for 3,985 people.

- We conducted outdoor EE programs at several school sites.

- We created virtual field trips for area schools to the Tannersville Bog, Meesing Pond, and Kettle Creek.

- We Zoomed into classrooms to conduct live programs with students as well as the general public.

- We produced short videos on Environmental topics and made them available on You-tube and google docs.

- We conducted summer day camp and summer children's programs.

- We designed curbside EE programs for families.

- We conducted public Canoe/Kayak paddling programs.

- We held our annual bird seed sale and made available curbside bird seed pick-up.

- We held annual photo contest.

- We offered virtual Envirothon competitions for all levels.

- We finished the maple sugaring season and also promoted tree sponsors for 2021.

- We maintained all three outdoor sites.

- We expanded our presence on all social media platforms.

As we move into 2021 we continue to adjust our programming efforts to the situation. We look forward to expanding our program offerings as the pandemic allows and we are excited to incorporate some of the new virtual experiences into our programming in the future.