

WESTMORELAND COUNTY JUNIOR CONSERVATION SCHOOL 2010

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The Westmoreland County Sportsmen's League
In Cooperation with Keystone State Park
Saturday, July 23, 2010 – Friday, July 29, 2010

This is a conservation school, not a week of vacation!

PURPOSE: It is the goal of the program to help each participant develop an awareness of conservation and the environment. The course is geared to aid both individuals who intend to enter the environmental conservation field as a profession or those who wish to take part in and learn about the environment. The school instructs the students in such areas as forests, water, wildlife habitat and environmental issues. It is policy that each student is required to participate in the full schedule of activities. Also an optional program of firearm safety instruction will be offered with parental consent.

LOCATION: The Junior Conservation School is held in Keystone State Park, 1150 Keystone Park Road, Derry, PA 15627. The telephone numbers for the park office are 724-668-2939 and 724-668-2404 and should only be used in case of emergencies.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS: Students must be between the ages of 13 and 15, having completed 7th grade, and be in good health. Each student should have an interest in conservation and the environment and be ready to participate in a learning experience. Individuals will be required to maintain a notebook of information on all programs and activities provided by the school. Notebooks will be checked and evaluated. While at school, all students will participate in various chores and duties as assigned.

COST: tuition for the week is \$125. A check for the full amount is to be made payable to "Westmoreland County Sportsmen's League" with "Conservation School" in the memo.

APPLICATION: The completed application is to be accompanied by a signed statement of recommendation from any two of the following

1. Sponsoring Organization
2. School Teacher
3. Community Organization
4. Wildlife Conservation Officer
5. Waterways Conservation Officer
6. State Park Manager

A signed statement from the applicant on why he/she would like to attend the Conservation School is also required. No application will be reviewed without the above!

DEADLINES: The school is limited to 23 students and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. First year student applications from the County League Clubs need to be received by June 1, 2010. The deadline for other first year applicants is June 15, 2010. Other applicants who have attended school in previous years will be accepted only to fill the quota.

Withdrawals after July 14, 2010 will be entitled to only a \$50 refund. No refunds will be given after school is in session. The school reserves the right to dismiss students for disciplinary reasons.

REGISTRATIONS: Saturday July 24, 2010 – Students are required to report and register between 2:00 PM and 2:45 PM at the pavilion located near the park contact station. (entrance of the campground). Please be prompt. The program starts at 3:00 PM.

DISMISSAL: Friday, July 30, 2010 – Students will be dismissed at 4:00 PM. They must be picked up by 5:00 PM.

FAMILY NIGHT: Wednesday July 28, 2010 – Each family is asked to join us and bring a covered dish of their choice. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM and an outdoor program for students and families will follow. Please bring table settings for your entire family, including the student. Table settings include plates, silverware and cups (preferably disposable)

WHAT TO PACK:

Clothing – enough for a week of activities	Toiletries (soap, shampoo, hairdryers, etc.)
Pajamas	Towels and washcloths
Underwear	Flashlight with extra batteries
Bathing Suit and Towel	Insect Repellant
Comfortable Tennis Shoes or Boots	Sun Block
Windbreaker/Hooded Sweatshirt	Raincoat/Poncho
Old shoes to wear in stream and bog (may be ruined)	
Bedding – Twin size sheets, pillow, blanket (or sleeping bag)	
Plain white or light colored t-shirt (for shirt print)	
Pen/Pencil	

Optional:

Camera
Fishing equipment
Limited snacks, water bottle, and bottled water

FORBIDDEN ITEMS:

Tobacco of any kind
Drugs
Alcohol
CD Players, Ipod's, MP3 Players, Video Games, Radios, TV's, or Electronics of any kind
Cell Phones
Knives of any kind, including Swiss Army Knives.

Send Applications to:

Westmoreland County Sportsmen's League
c/o Vanessa Schantz
5035 Wallace Rd.
Murrysville, PA 15668

WESTMORELAND COUNTY CONSERVATION SCHOOL APPLICATION

STUDENT:

NAME: _____ SEX: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

NAME/S: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: _____
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____
PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

NAME: _____
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____
PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION
This information will remain confidential.

Doctor's approval to participate in the Westmoreland County Conservation School is scheduled for July 24- July 30, 2010. See attached schedule of events and activities. Last year's schedule is attached for your reference, because this year's schedule is not yet finalized. However, activities typically remain constant from year to year. Please review the activities and list any activities in which the student is not able to participate: _____

Doctor's Signature: _____ DATE: _____
(signature needed only if restrictions are listed)

Please initial for approval any medical treatment that the student may be allowed to have when administered by the School Director or School Counselor/Adult.

Parent/Guardian Initial

Aspirin _____
Tylenol _____
Cough Syrup/Lozenges _____
Allergy Medication _____
Pepto-Bismol _____
Calamine/Ivy Dry _____
Other _____

Date of last tetanus shot _____
List any allergies (food, medical, or environmental) _____
Asthmatic Conditions: _____
Other Conditions: _____
Any major illness/injury within the last year: _____
Medication taken on a regular basis: _____
Additional medical information: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____
INSURANCE CARRIER: _____
INSURANCE #: _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN:
NAME: _____
OFFICER PHONE: _____
DOCTOR'S EMERGENCY PHONE: _____

The policy of the Westmoreland Conservation School is to contact the parent or legal guardian before taking a student to a doctor or hospital for treatment of an illness or injury. However, in case of emergency or when neither the parent nor guardian can be reached, the following permission form will allow treatment to be secured.

I hereby give my permission to the Westmoreland Conservation School staff and/or professional medical services to transport my child to or from a doctor and/or hospital for emergency treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby give my permission for the Director or his designee to allow hospital personnel and/or a licensed physician to perform emergency treatment and inject or administer drugs in conjunction with such emergency treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ has my permission to participate in a Gun Safety Program. Students will shoot rifles under strict supervision. The program will be held at Keystone Rod and Gun Club in Hannastown and will be taught by certified NRA instructors.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____