

### **Boy Scouts Stencil Town's Stormwater Drains**

On September 28, 2015, Cub Scout Pack 3400 of Kreamer, Pennsylvania, borrowed stencils from the Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD). Pack members painted messages at stormwater drains in Kreamer such as the ones pictured throughout this publication.



From the SCCD's ["Snyder County Stormwater Stenciling" brochure](#):

The purpose of painting messages near storm drains is to remind people that whatever goes into that storm drain does not just disappear, but will continue into the environment affecting all life, human and otherwise, in that area. Noticing the stenciled messages will inform people the importance of stormwater runoff and how the community cares for the environment.

Stormwater can contain many pollutants such as sediment, chemicals and animal waste. Eroded soil and road cinders (sediment) from nearby lawns, roads and excavation sites are examples of non-point source pollution that originally come from a broad area and enter our waterways. People dumping paints, chemicals or cleaners directly into the storm drain are examples of point source pollution, a problem in which pollutants are directly discharged into a water carrying device or stream.

Many people are unaware that storm drains carry stormwater to the nearest waterway, often without any kind of filtration or treatment. For example, a local waterway here may be a small creek or ditch, but that creek eventually will connect to a larger stream or river, which eventually will drain into the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. It our responsibility to let only rain enter storm drains.

Any organization can participate in a stormwater drain stenciling project. Check out our ["Stormwater Stenciling" brochure](#) and contact SCCD's Watershed Specialist, [Jason Winey](#), at 570-837-3000, x112.





*Note: Photos supplied by parents of Pack 3400.*

Over the years, we have given presentations and demonstrations to home school students, agriculture students in local high schools, elementary and middle school students, 4-Hers, Boy and Girl Scouts, Young Farmers, other civic groups and the general public in Snyder County. Topics ranged from water quality, soil erosion prevention, watershed protection, water conservation, nutrient and manure management and energy conservation. Check out our [Education & Youth](#), [Watershed Protection](#) and [Meetings & Workshops](#) web pages for more examples.

If your school or organization would like the Conservation District to give a presentation, please contact the [Conservation District](#) at 570-837-3000.

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