



Snyder-Juniata County Kids' Enviro-Camp Held in Richfield

From August 11 – 13, 2025, a Kids' Enviro-Camp was at Richfield's Basom Park, co-hosted by the Snyder County (SCCD) and Juniata County (JCCD) Conservation Districts. Approximately forty (40) children attended the camp each evening.



Each day's events were held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., featuring special guests. Children entering 1st through 4th grade were split into four groups named after official Pennsylvania state resources, flora and fauna: (Eastern) Hemlocks, White Tails (Deer), Brookies (Brook Trout) and Hazeltons (Soil).

Campers learned about:

- Stream macroinvertebrates and stream health,
- Turtles, fur bearing animals, ducks and deer,
- Water runoff due to land management,
- Beekeeping, earthworks, composting and water availability
- Forest management and fire prevention

Wednesday was Family Night, in which children and their parents and guardians viewed photos of the week's events, participated in two presentations and played Camp Jeopardy, and enjoyed ice cream and watermelon. Smokey Bear also stopped by to greet children and have photos taken.

The following pages contain a few photos from the week. Additional photos can be found on JCCD's and [SCCD's Facebook](#) pages. A list of volunteers is on the last page.

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The Snyder and Juniata County Conservation Districts would like to thank the following partners and volunteers who helped make this year's Enviro-Camp a success.

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- Leah Fronk, Horticulture Extension Educator, Penn State Extension--Juniata County
- Josh Hill, Teacher, Juniata County School District
- Kyle Seyler, Service Forester, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Bald Eagle Forestry District
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