

**DARKE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

March 9, 2020

WTGR Community Ties

Main Topics (3):

Conservation Day Camp – Registration is filling up fast (or may be full by this time)

- Camp registration opened up Friday, Feb 28th. Only have 19 spaces left of the 180
- We encourage those interested to go to our website and sign up, even if there is a waitlist
- Helps us with next year's planning and to secure funding to increase amount of campers
- Great sponsors: Darke County Foundation, Walmart, Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, ODNR, Light Foundation
- If registered, all release forms and payment due April 17th
- Camp registration fee is \$20, includes t-shirt, lunches, snacks, nature journal, and other goodies!
- Topics will be fishing, archery, Pollinators, Forestry, Ecosystems, Build a birdhouse, scavenger hunt, birds, survival skills and a craft
- June 10-11 at Chenoweth Trails
- Open to kids finishing 1st thru 4th grade this school year

Darke SWCD holding workshop in conjunction with Chamber Ag Day – March 20

- Chamber Ag Day luncheon on March 20th
 - o Register with the Chamber if planning to attend, \$20 per person
 - o 937-548-2102 or email info@darkecountyohio.com
- Director Pelanda speaking about "the changing landscape of Ohio ag"
- This event has been happening for 70+ years, Chamber has great sponsors and a great program put together
- Darke SWCD meeting is free, after chamber lunch
- Begins at 1:30p in the party room at Romers
- H2Ohio and Ohio Ag Conservation Initiative speakers
- Register at 937-548-1715, Ext 3

\$500 Scholarship Available – deadline to apply April 24

- Board of Supervisors once again offering a scholarship to graduating seniors attending an Ohio college or University majoring in Ag or natural resources
- Must be Darke Co resident
- At least a 2.5 gpa
- Attend Ohio school in fall of 2020
- Items needed: 2 letters of recommendation, academic transcript, personal essay about why you are choosing the field of study
- Deadline to apply April 24 by 4pm

Quick Mention Items (4)

Tree Sale – Orders due on March 20

- Don't miss out on ordering trees
- Larger stock this year
- Orders over \$75 will receive a 5 gal bucket from Lowes

Spring Fish Sale – orders due May 15

- Usually hold a fall sale, our supplier has encouraged us to move it to the fall
- 10 species of fish available
- Are you stocking a new pond or managing an existing one

Envirothon – in Darke County at Chenoweth Trails on April 28

- Darke SWCD will be hosting the Area IV Envirothon on April 28 at Chenoweth Trails
- Brings around 90-100 teams of 5 high school students to Darke County
- Five areas of competition: Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, Aquatics and a CEI (Water Resources Mgmt.: Local Control, Local Sources)
- 18 counties in southwest Ohio

Spring Soil Sampling for Lawn & Garden – samples due April 17

- Cost \$15
- Visit website or call for more information on taking a good representative soil sample