

**DARKE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

May 26, 2021

WTGR Community Ties

Main Topics (5):

Stillwater River Canoe Float – June 18

- Affordable way to enjoy the scenic Stillwater River
- Registration first come/first served
- Cost is \$5 per person, cover sack lunch
- Just over 5 river miles, trip should last around 3 hrs.
- Meeting point of the Rangeline Access Entrance located at 7790 N Rangeline Rd, Covington
- Arrive by 8:30, should be done a little after noon

Douglas Steinbrunner Memorial Scholarship Recipient – Alex Kaiser, Versailles

- Scholarship given out by the district over 25 yrs., first year in memory of longtime SWCD employee, Doug Steinbrunner
- Several worthy and outstanding applicants, tough decision for our selection committee
- Alex will be attending Hocking College with a major in Wildlife Resources Management

Poster Contest Winners – Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities

- Winners can be viewed on our website
- 5th & 6th grade winners: Lucy Gettinger (1st), Haylee Moore (2nd), Reese Stewart (3rd)
- 7th & 8th grade winners: Madeline Lance (1st), Sara Loudy (2nd), Kindyl Peltz (3rd)
- Cash prizes were given to winners: \$30, \$20 and \$10
- First place winners have been sent on to the state in June

Conservation Day Camp – June 9 & 10 @ Chenoweth Trails

- Camp is full, we were able to take 240 kids in grades 2 -4
- Registrants will be broken into groups of 15 and will experience 12 stations over the 2-day camp
- A couple stations will be archery, fishing, water quality, crafts and many more
- Thank our major sponsors: Walmart, Darke Rural Electric, The Light Foundation, Darke County Pheasants Forever, Greenville Rotary, The Andersons
- Great 2-day camp being offered for only \$20, thanks to our many sponsors!
- Close to 300 people total registered, only able to accept 240, looking at ways to have more campers next year. Keep an eye out for that paperwork going home with students early in 2022

Tri County Pond Clinic – July 21

- Held at the Stillwater Prairie Reserve off of State Route 185
- Free event, still asking people to register by calling 937-548-1715, ext. 3 or online
- Miami, Darke and Shelby SWCDs partner will OSU Extension to put workshop together
- Learn about pond construction, maintenance, fish management and vegetation, and ask questions about issues/concerns in your pond