

DARKE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

June 7, 2016

Main Topics:

Educational Canoe Float – June 17th

- Partnership with Miami SWCD, Darke & Miami Co Parks, and City of Greenville
- Usually we float the Stillwater River and begin at Webster, this year we are floating Greenville Creek. Trip starts at Bear's Mill and will end around Gettysburg (Hahn Rd).
- Ask that registrants arrive no later than 8:45am to ensure we shove off by 9am
 - o Registration is a must, cost of \$5.00 (includes lunch).
- Experience the beauty of one of the tributaries to the Stillwater River!

Rain Barrel Decorating Contest

- 6 schools participated: Ansonia, Versailles, Greenville, Tri-Village, Arcanum & FM
- Theme was "Native Species of Ohio"
- Contest winners: Ansonia – 1st (3-time champions), Versailles – 2nd (two years in a row at 2nd) and Greenville (3 years in a row at 3rd)
- Hope to have these barrels out in the community to promote rain barrel use and they will be on display at the Great Darke Co Fair!

Scholarships Awarded

- 2 \$500 scholarships awarded to outstanding graduating seniors pursuing an ag or natural resources related degree at an Ohio college or university.
- Megan Bergman from Ansonia – enrolled at the Ohio State University and planning to major in Ag Education
- Kasey Hummel from Mississinawa Valley – enrolled at Wilmington College and pursuing an Agronomy & Ag Business degree

Other Things Happening/Topics at Darke SWCD:

Tips Summer Manure Application & Stockpiling

- Print off 24-hr weather forecast before application and keep with your application records
- Follow appropriate setbacks, can be found at www.darkeswcd.com under Ag Pollution Abatement tab
 - o Many of these setbacks disappear or are greatly reduced with incorporation or injection
- Know your soil levels and what you are applying, use soil sampling and manure analysis to best utilize manure.
- Be a good neighbor, try and avoid holidays when spreading, especially this time of year. Just a recommendation to not upset your neighbors.
- The application of manure isn't a bad thing, yes it may smell, but when done correctly it is a great use of a waste resource!

Still Accepting Surveys for our Long Range Plan

- For the last year we have been working on responses from landowners around the county to help us as we update our long range plan for the district.
- If you fill out the survey, you will receive a magnetic work light (while supplies last)