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Every attempt was made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented. Please notify us of any errors. We realize that this Resource Directory is not complete. No one was intentionally omitted. Please forward any additions or corrections to the Center for Environmental Education office, listed below. Your comments and information will be greatly appreciated. The date at the end of the listing indicates the year the information was revised or reviewed (2009).

The Kentucky Association for Environmental Education and the Kentucky Environmental Education Council also provide information on state-wide resources. Please see their listings in this directory for more information.

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**Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, Inc.**

**Division of Agriculture & Environmental Education  
Kentucky Department of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 814 (7th Floor, 500 Mero Street)  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Phone: 502-564-4696 Fax: 502-564-2133  
Email: Rayetta.Boone@kyagr.com**

**Description:** Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that promotes an understanding and appreciation of the system that provides food for people and emphasizes the importance of the environment to our food supply. This mission is accomplished by providing educational programs and teaching resources to schools. KAEC provides teacher training workshops which help teachers to develop thematic teaching units based on agriculture and the environment. Teachers are paid a \$150 stipend for attending the workshop as well as \$100 to purchase instructional materials to use in their classroom. Teachers who develop a teaching unit receive an additional \$100. Schools may also request to be reimbursed for substitute teacher payment while the teacher attends a KAEC workshop.

**Programs:**

*Two-day workshop* for teachers of grades K - 12. Web site offers educational links and materials [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com)

*KAEC Mobile Science Activity Center:* The Activity Center is a 42-foot long trailer with 10 workstations for a classroom of students to conduct activities and investigations related to agriculture and the environment. All materials and supplies to conduct the activities are provided. Examples of activities are making corn starch, lip balm, ice cream, and various other projects. All activities align with the Scientific Inquiry in Kentucky's Education Standards. The target grade levels are grades 4 & 5. However, activities will be available on a limited basis for other grade levels. Participating teachers must complete an orientation prior to school visit.(2004)

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**All Wild About Kentucky's Environment (AWAKE)  
KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**

**#1 Sportsman's Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Venita Bright  
Phone: 1-800-858-1549  
Email: Venita.Bright@ky.gov**

or

**Contact: Carol Hanley  
University of KY, Tracy Farmer Center for the  
Environment, Lexington, KY 40546-0236  
Phone: 859 333-8248  
Email: chanley@email.uky.edu  
Website: [www.KentuckyAWAKE.org](http://www.KentuckyAWAKE.org)**

All Wild About Kentucky's Environment (AWAKE) is a web site where people can learn about: Kentucky's plants and animals, Kentucky's forests, grasslands, lakes, rivers and other habitats, curriculum materials designed for Kentucky educators, outdoor events in Kentucky, and books, articles, and publications about the environment. Web users can ask the experts questions about Kentucky's environment and learn hunting and fishing tips as well as conservation camp opportunities for kids. AWAKE hosts photographs, illustrations, video, related links and lots of good reference information for anyone who wants to get All Wild About Kentucky's Environment. (2009)

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**Army Corps of Engineers**

**U. S. Army Engineer District, Louisville  
P.O. Box 59  
Louisville, OH 40201**

**Contact: Public Affairs Office  
Phone: 502-315-6767**

**Description:** The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers was created, during the Revolutionary War, by George Washington on June 16, 1775. Its first task was building earthwork fortifications to protect American soldiers during the Battle of Bunker Hill. When the new nation found itself in need of roads, railroads, bridges, waterways, and other substantial engineering works, the Corps' focus had to widen from military purposes only to include water resources development and protection. Because the Corps was the only available organized engineering force, Congress called upon it to accomplish the work. The Lakes and Rivers Division, headquartered in Cincinnati, administers the water resources programs in the Ohio River Basin. This includes four districts with offices in Louisville, Pittsburgh, Huntington, and Nashville. The main responsibility of the Corps is to manage the Ohio River and its tributaries for navigation and flood control. Developing hydroelectric power facilities, preserving wetlands and providing recreational opportunities at lake and river projects are other responsibilities.

**Programs:** Visits to the Markland Locks and Dam, near Warsaw, Ky., may be arranged by contacting the Lockmaster at 859-567-7661. Visitors can view the locks and dam from the picnic area and the observation tower. Modern restrooms are available in the picnic area. Make reservations two weeks in advance. Several brochures about Ohio River navigation and other materials about the Corps of Engineers are available. (2002)

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### **Beekeepers Association, Kentucky State**

**233 Blossom Lane  
Southgate, KY 41071**

**Contact: Granville Griffith  
Phone: 859-781-2751  
Email: ggriffith1@fuse.net**

**Description:** Programs to increase understanding of bees, beekeeping techniques and equipment. Also, a number of beekeepers available to portray their hobby as a valuable enterprise to everyone's continued supply of healthy foods.

**Programs:** Bees and insects; Keeping Honey Bees; Products of the Hive; and, Pollination and Insects. Programs are available upon request from interested groups, schools, and clubs for entertainment and education. The programs can be adapted to any age or interest level and the length of the program can vary with age group. Programs conducted indoors or outdoors, usually at your site. There are in-class demonstrations and talks which feature kinds of honey, bee hive products, live bees and value of bees for a good, cheap food supply through pollination. These presentations are made by available beekeepers. Reservations should be made at least a week in advance, to prepare during insect flying season so that live bees can be demonstrated. A curiosity and interest in learning about bees and insects are required.

**Fees:** There is no charge for programs but sometimes expenses for travel and copying are necessary. (2009)

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### **Behringer-Crawford Museum**

**1600 Montague Road-Devou Park  
Covington, Kentucky 41011**

**Contact: Regina Siegrist, Education Director  
Phone: (895) 491-4003  
Fax: (859) 491-4006**

**E-mail:** [info@bcmuseum.org](mailto:info@bcmuseum.org) or [rsiegrist@bcmuseum.org](mailto:rsiegrist@bcmuseum.org)

**Web Site:** [info@bcmuseum.org](http://info@bcmuseum.org)

#### *Behringer-Crawford Museum Mission*

*The regional history of Northern Kentucky as part of the Ohio Valley must be preserved for the benefit of present and future generations. Therefore, the Behringer-Crawford Museum is a center for the collection, presentation, study and enjoyment of our natural, cultural, and visual and performing arts heritage.*

The Behringer-Crawford Museum (BCM) located in Covington's Devou Park is the only museum in Kentucky that has accepted the unique responsibility of chronicling the natural, cultural, and artistic heritage of the tri-county area that makes up the Northern Kentucky region.

**Outreach Programs available:** Northern Kentucky's premier resource center for the natural, cultural and artistic heritage of its citizens. Wide variety of suitcase programs is available in natural sciences, archaeology, history and the arts. Suitcases may be checked out by teachers, scout leaders or senior groups. Outreach programs include: Kentucky on Ice, Kentucky's Prehistoric Cultures, Plains Indians, Civil War, Fossils from Prehistoric Kentucky, and At Home, At School, At Play-Over 100 Years Ago.

Introduction to Archaeology is available with a staged dig at your site.

#### **At Our Facility:**

**Programs:** Museum staff and profession volunteers conduct program that are suitable for ages K-12 and Adult. Behringer-Crawford Museum has 19 different programs. They range from wild life programming, paleontology, archaeology, to cultural and artistic history. Depending upon the program, the presentation may be 45 minutes to 2 hours. Extended programs include fossil hunts and art projects. Pre-visit materials are available for most programs. The programs are conducted indoors or out depending on the subject matter.

**Facilities:** The museum is entirely handicap accessible with an elevator that reaches all four floors. There are restrooms on the first and third floors. There is no food or drinks available for purchase, but arrangement may be made to caterer in food. The museum has many areas which can be rented for a variety of functions. We encourage groups to brown bag their lunches and eat in the education center or on the grounds of the museum.



**Programs and Tours:**

Hours 10am-4pm Tuesday-Saturday (Special arrangements can be made to open the museum earlier in the day or on Monday.)

Programming is conducted by staff or qualified volunteers.

**Age Suitability:** Pre-school through Adults.

**Length of Program:** Depending upon the program, the presentation may be 45 minutes to 2 hours. Extended programs include fossil hunts and art projects. Pre-visit materials are available for most programs. The programs are conducted indoors or out depending on the subject matter.

**Capacity:**

To qualify for a group rate the minimum is 12, the maximum is 150.

**Ratio of student per adults:** Pre-school 4-1  
Primary Grades 6-1  
Upper Primary and Junior

High 8-1

**Pre-visit materials are available for most programs.**

**Reservations:** Registration 2 weeks in advance is appreciated. For field trips in the spring or during Holiday Toy Train Display 4 weeks in advance is advisable.

**Fees:** For most programming for school age children is \$4.00 for students and \$4.00 for chaperones, teachers are free. Additional fees are charged for extended programming. Fees are payable the day of visit or an invoice may be sent. (2009)

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**Boone County Parks Department**

**P. O. Box 566  
5958 Garrard Street  
Burlington, KY 42005**

**Contact: David Whitehouse, Parks Director  
Email: [dwhitehouse@boonecountyky.org](mailto:dwhitehouse@boonecountyky.org)  
Phone: 859-334-2117 Fax: 859-334-2127  
Website: [www.boonecountyky.org/parks](http://www.boonecountyky.org/parks)**

**Description:** Boone County Parks Department was created in 1972 and now oversees approximately 600 acres. The Department offers a wide array of recreational opportunities, nature areas, and year around programs and special events. Three areas of main interest to nature lovers are:

*Middle Creek Park* - 228 acres of forest land with six miles of trails. A self-guided trail brochure describing geology, trees, and plants is available from the Parks Department office. Self-guided trail length about 1 mile. Walking time

about 30 - 45 mins. Port-o-lets available in parking area.  
*Florence Nature Park* - 15 acres in Florence.  
*Central Park and Arboretum* - Offers 2.25 miles of paved trails through wooded and open areas. A new county Arboretum offers 121 acres with walking trails and labeled trees. (2009)

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**Boone County Solid Waste**

**5645 Idlewild Road  
Burlington, KY 41005  
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Fax: 859-334-3635  
E-mail: [bhaltermon@boonecountyky.org](mailto:bhaltermon@boonecountyky.org)  
Web Site: <http://www.boonecountyky.org/BCSWM>**

**Description** We are a government agency dedicated to the promotion of sound environmental practices. We offer reliable environmental information with no hassle and are available to come to schools, civic groups, clubs, and any place people need a speaker. We can share information and give presentations on litter, illegal dumping and garbage mismanagement, landfill design and conservation, the government's role in solid waste management, the four R's (reduce, reuse, recycle, re-buy), composting, the human impact on the environment, and almost any aspect of environmental practices at no charge.

The Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Resource Guide has almost everything you need to know about garbage in Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties (<http://www.boonecountyky.org/bcswm/rg06.pdf>). We also have brochures on Litter (<http://www.boonecountyky.org/bcswm/LitterBrochure2007.pdf>), Cigarette Litter (<http://www.boonecountyky.org/bcswm/CigaretteLitterBrochure2007.pdf>) and Illegal dumping (<http://www.boonecountyky.org/bcswm/DumpBrochure2007.pdf>). (2009)

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**Campbell County Environmental Education Center**

**Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service  
3500 Alexandria Pike  
Highland Heights, KY 41076**

**Contact: Agent for Natural Resources and  
Environmental Management  
Phone: 859-572-2600 Fax: 859-572-2619**

**Email:** ces-campbell@lsv.uky.edu

**Description:** The Campbell County Environmental Education Center is located on approximately 50 acres of A.J. Jolly Park. The Campbell Co. Cooperative Extension Service manages the center for environmental education programs. The center has two main trails: an interpretive trail and a homestead trail. The homestead trail provides access to more remote regions of the property, the location of a retired well and an old home site.

**Programs:** Focus on soil, water, air, plant and animal life, forests, rangelands, aquatic, and other ecosystems. Activities utilize the environment as an integrating context for learning. Activities can easily be aligned with Kentucky's curriculum documents to facilitate the acquisition of environmental knowledge while ensuring the attainment of basic skills and proficiency in traditional subject areas. Contact DJ. Scully to schedule programs.

**Facilities:** 4000 sq. ft. environmental education center building including: restrooms, classrooms, observation beehive, bird blind, displays, and resource materials. Picnic tables are also available.

**Fees:** Most programs available free of charge. Funding assistance for school field trips may be available.

**\*Facilities and programs only available with prior notice.**  
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### **Cincinnati State Technical & Community College**

**3520 Central Parkway  
Cincinnati, OH 45223**

**Contact:** Dr. Ann Gunkel, Program Chair, Environmental Engineering Technology  
**Phone:** 513-569-1783 **Fax:** 513-569-4689

**Description:** Technical and Community College that offers A.S. and A.A.S. Degrees. Evening and weekend courses available.

**Programs:** Environmental Engineering Technology (EVET) is a TAC/ABET\* accredited program, includes OSHA-40 hour training. The EVET program prepares its graduates to successfully enter and pursue baccalaureate degrees, to enter and advance professionally through technical and mid-management positions in local industry. Graduates are prepared to effectively sample, monitor, test, and evaluate environmental media and to effectively

conduct assessments, minimize and treat waste, and ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

The Water and Wastewater major (EVETW) under the Environmental Program prepares graduates to assist in the design, operation, and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment facilities. The Environmental Safety and Security Certificate (EVET-SC) develops skills that can be utilized in various fields associated with protecting the nation during natural disasters and in the event of terrorist or wartime attack. The Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Certificate (EMTRC) is designed for technicians and engineers who desire additional education in the field of renewable energies and energy efficiency. The college offers 70 other degree and certificate programs. Visits to schools are conducted by faculty and staff. Contact Dr. Ann Gunkel in the Center for Innovative Technologies, (513)569-1783, or Chuck Hatcher in Admissions, (513)569-1491. Outreach programs available upon request. Programs are suitable for middle school through adult. Length of programs can be adapted to group needs. There is no class size limit, but chaperones are required for school groups. Reservations are required and the preparation time varies for programs selected. There are no fees for tours/services, but fees are charged for tuition for course work. Pre-visit materials are available. \*TAC/ABET – Technology Accreditation Commission-Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

**Facilities:** Mostly indoor classrooms and labs, but some outside exercises. Most areas handicapped or wheelchair accessible. Food available in cafeteria and vending machines. (2009)

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### **Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden**

**P. O. Box 198073  
Cincinnati, OH 45219-8073**

**Contact: Education Services  
Phone: 513-559-7760 Fax: 513-559-7776  
Zoo Website: [www.cincinnati-zoo.org/education](http://www.cincinnati-zoo.org/education)**

**Description:** The buildings, exhibits and gardens provide a multi-million dollar learning laboratory for the study of almost any school curriculum (science, social studies/geography, language arts, math, art and foreign languages).

**Programs:** There are programs available from four-year

olds through college age and in a variety of formats. Live animal demonstrations in Zoo classrooms, guided and themed tours of the Zoo, Conservation Adventure slide programs, horticulture programs, and CREW's science and research presentation are available during the day. New this year is the *Great American Wings of Wonder* at the Zoo. *Nocturnal Adventures* and *Sleep With The Manatees* are available at night. There are also a variety of self-guided tour packets available on request. **Program reservations are required at least two weeks in advance.**

*Programs in the School* – A variety of programs from pre-school through high school are available at your school. *Frisch's Outreach* is for single-class experiences and are free within a 30-mile radius of the Zoo; **Great American Wings of Wonder** bird program and the *Cat Ambassador Program* are fee-based programs (call for details). New this year is the *Ocelot Conservation Outreach* program for your classroom. Don't forget the Distance Learning programs that are available on a variety of subjects.

**Special Events:** Spring Math Days (K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) from April 5 – 16, 2004; International Migratory Bird Days (K-12<sup>th</sup> grade) on May 4, 5, and 6; VIP Educators Tour on August 25<sup>th</sup>; Wildlife Discovery Days (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades) from September 20 – 24, 2004; and Fall Math Days (grades K – 12) from October 25 – November 5, 2004.

**Teacher Workshops:** *Wildlife for Sale* Workshop, Monday, June 28, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and, *Biodiversity Basics* Workshop, Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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## Clean Air for Kentucky

**Division for Air Quality  
Department for Environmental Protection  
803 Schenkel Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Education Coordinator  
Phone: 502-573-3382 or 1-800-928-0047  
Fax: 502-573-3787**

**Description:** Exhibit and materials on Air Quality and what you can do to "Do Your Share For Cleaner Air". Ways you can learn about the air we breathe:

- \* Request the free "Clean Air for Kentucky" K-12 Education Resource Book.
- \* Attend an air quality teacher workshop;
- \* Experience learning with the air pollutant "Gremlins", cartoon characters depicting the major air pollutants;

\*Schedule the KY Division for Air Quality Education Coordinator or other air quality staff to visit with your class, present at an environmental day or fair, or other special event;

\*Schedule a visit from the "Clean Air for Kentucky" hot air balloon and Captain ZAP(Zap Air Pollution). A fee is charged for this visit.

\*Schedule a visit from the McLean County High School Clean Air Puppet Team, Perils of Pollution. A fee may be charged for this visit.

\*Let us help you plan an air quality field trip for your class to a N. KY "Emissions Test Site" or an industry.

\*Receive information on how you and your class can be involved in the Greater Cincinnati/NKY "Do Your Share For Cleaner Air" contests in the schools, clean air campaigns/kick-off events and the "Clean Air A-Thon" 5K Fun Run/Walk and Family Resource Fair.

\*Get information on being a member of the N.KY Air Quality Stakeholders Group!

**Other:** Toll-free air quality index message number 1-800-AIR-IN-KY - 24-hour, 7 days a week. Recording gives the pollutant index number, the pollutant responsible for the index number and whether the air quality is in the good, moderate, or unhealthy range in Ashland, Henderson, Lexington, Louisville, Northern Kentucky, Owensboro, and Paducah. (2003)

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**Ky. Division of Conservation  
Department for Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Environmental Protection Cabinet**

**663 Teton Trail  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Phone: 502-564-3080**

**Description:** Conservation district is a local unit of state government, under the Ky. Division of Conservation. District is governed by a board of seven locally elected supervisors who set a program for conserving and promoting best management of natural resources. Technical assistance through the **United States Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service** (generally in same location as Conservation District office). Educational programs vary by county but include: Kentucky Forestry Leadership Program and Envirothon for high school students, Conservation Writing and Art Contests, Conservation Teacher of the Year Award, Soil and Water Stewardship Week, and Outdoor Classroom Directory. (2004)

**Carroll County Conservation District**

1211 Highland Avenue  
 Carrollton, KY 41008

**Contact:** Tracy Yocum

**Phone:** 502-732-6098 **Fax:** 502-732-6018

**Email:** tracy.yocum@ky.nacdnet.net

**Boone County Conservation District****Kenton County Conservation District**

6028 Camp Ernst Road  
 Burlington, KY 41005

**Phone:** 859-586-7903 **Fax:** 859-586-7683

<http://www.boonecountyky.org/bccd/default.aspx>

[http://www.kentoncounty.org/conservation\\_district/index.html](http://www.kentoncounty.org/conservation_district/index.html)

**Campbell County Conservation District**

8351 East Main St., Suite 104  
 Alexandria, KY 41001

**Phone:** 859-635-9587 **Fax:** 859-635-0496

<http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>

**Contact for Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties:**

Mary Kathryn Dickerson

mary.dickerson@ky.nacdnet.net

**Programs for Educators:** Technical assistance and grants for educational projects for schools. Scholarships for high school students to attend Forestry Leadership Camp and for college students studying conservation and related areas (Boone and Campbell only). Local sponsor for national Envirothon for teams of high school students. Conservation Writing and Art Contests for students in grades K – 12. Conservation Teacher of the Year competition sponsor. Lending Library of videos and printed materials. Workshops and classroom presentations on soils, conservation, water quality, farmland protection and related topics. Will help arrange field trips to local natural areas. Programs conducted by staff and volunteers and can be adapted for group. Class size limit of 25-30 with at least one adult for each 10 students for field trips. Schedule programs at least 4 weeks in advance. No fees for most programs. To the extent that each living person becomes a net contributor rather than a net consumer, a builder instead of a destroyer, the entire world is a world of hope. Neil Sampson, 2004. (2009)

**Gallatin County Conservation District**

P. O. Box 124  
 300 W. Main Street  
 Warsaw, KY 41095

**Contact:** Mae Wallace

**Phone:** 859-567-4441 **Fax:** 859-567-2194

**Email:** mae.wallace@fuse.net

**Grant County Conservation District**

486 Helton Street  
 Williamstown, KY 41097-9481

**Contact:** Administrative Secretary

**Phone:** 859-823-2291 **Fax:** 859-824-3172

**Email:** Rebecca.peddicord@ky.nacdnet.net

**Pendleton County Conservation District**

400 Main Street  
 Falmouth, Ky 41040

**Contact:** Kay Holland-Williams

**Phone:** 859-654-3376 **Fax:** 859-654-3375

**Email:** kay.williams2@ky.nacdnet.net

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**University of Kentucky College of Agriculture  
 Kentucky State University  
 Cooperative Extension Service**

**Description/Programs:** The Cooperative Extension Service is a joint educational effort of federal, state, and county governments and is administered through the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. The extension office is always willing to help with school, youth development, horticulture, agriculture, home economics, and special programs.

The County Extension Agents provide a variety of free services to the county citizens. They are on call to answer questions regarding agriculture, horticulture, family and consumer science, environmental management and natural resources, and 4-H youth service concerns. They provide ongoing educational programs through newsletters, educational programs/workshops, field days, research trials, and demonstrations. Agents are available as speakers at community events, including school functions. Volunteer opportunities assisting with youth, councils, and committees available. (2009)

**District 3**

Richard Carraway, Director  
 N-106L Ag Science Bldg. North  
 Lexington, KY 40546-0091

**Phone:** 859.257.7484 **Fax:** 859.257.3050

Email: richard.carraway@uky.edu

Sandy Rosenberger - Administrative Support Associate

Email: sandy.rosenberger@uky.edu

**Boone County Cooperative Extension Service**

6028 Camp Ernst Rd.  
 P.O. Box 876 Burlington 41005-0876

Phone: 859.586.6101 Fax: 859.586.6107

**Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service**

3500 Alexandria Pike  
Highland Heights, KY 41076-1705  
Phone: 859-572-2600 Fax: 859-572-2619

**Carroll County Cooperative Extension Service**

500 Floyd Dr. Carrollton 41008  
Phone: 502-732-7030 Fax: 502-732-7032

**Gallatin County Cooperative Extension Service**

PO Box 805 (US 42 West)  
Warsaw, KY 41095-0805  
Phone: 859-567-5481 Fax: 859-567-5432

**Grant County Cooperative Extension Service**

1300 North Main Street  
Williamstown 41097-9446  
Phone: 859-824-3355 Fax: 859-824-3391

**Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service**

10990 Marshall Rd  
Covington, KY 41015-9326  
Phone: 859-356-3155 Fax: 859-356-0363

**Owen County Cooperative Extension Service**

265 Ellis Highway  
Owenton, KY 40359-9300  
Phone: 502-484-5703 Fax: 502-484-5704

**Pendleton County Cooperative Extension Service**

45 David Pribble Drive  
Falmouth, KY 41040  
Phone: 859-654-3395 Fax: 859-654-3397

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**Daniel Carter Beard Environmental Center**

322 E. 3rd St.  
Covington KY 41011-1710

Contact: Marc F. Hult  
Phone: 1.859.261.3882 or 1.859.261.3884 (mobile)  
Fax: 1.859.261.3886  
Email: [hult@hydrologist.com](mailto:hult@hydrologist.com)  
[www.hydrologist.com](http://www.hydrologist.com) (2009)

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**Dinsmore Homestead Foundation**

P.O. Box 453  
5656 Burlington Pike  
Burlington, KY 41005

Contact: Cathy Collopy, Education Director

Phone: 859-586-6117 Fax: 859-334-3690

Email: [ccollopy@dinsmorefarm.org](mailto:ccollopy@dinsmorefarm.org)

Web Site: [www.dinsmorefarm.org](http://www.dinsmorefarm.org)

**Description:** The Dinsmore Homestead is a historic homesite that remained in the hands of the James Dinsmore family for five generations. Original contents of home and outbuilding present.

**Programs:**

*Children's Lives 150 Years Ago:* Did you ever wonder what life was like for children 150 years ago? In this interactive, hands-on program, children will find out by modeling clothes children wore 150 years ago, doing old-time chores, and playing with old-fashioned toys. For children in grades K – 3. (House tour NOT included.)

*Dinsmore Family Tour:* This program will give you an overview of the Dinsmore family and their lives on the farm. Touring the family house with all its original belongings, playing old-time games, and investigating items they used in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century are all part of this exciting program. For children in grades 3 –5.

*Environmental Practices Past and Present:* Compare the environmental practices of the Dinsmore family 150 years ago with our methods today through a variety of hands-on, investigative activity stations that will explore such things as water usage, recycling and reusing, sewage treatment, food origins and preservation, and transportation issues. For children in grades 4 – 6. (House tour NOT included).

*Coming Soon:* Ohio River Valley History Program – collaborative program between Dinsmore Homestead and Conservation Park. For children in grades 4-6.

*Outreach Programs:* Available throughout the school year. Several programs to choose from for various grade levels. Contact Education Director for more information. Outreach program fee and possible mileage fee charged.

**Program Guidelines:** Maximum of 50 students/ Minimum of 15 students for above onsite programs (program option for more or less than 50 students is available). Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance. Programs are conducted by staff and trained volunteers. Fees are \$2.00 per

student. Teacher and a limited number of chaperones per program free, additional chaperones are \$3.00 each. Teacher receives a Teacher Packet of materials including pre-and post- visit activities.

**Facilities:** Programs are conducted mostly outdoors (dress for the weather). Outside portable toilets are available. Should bring hand sanitizer. Limited accessibility for wheelchairs/handicapped. Food service not available; brown-bag lunches are welcome. Picnic tables available. Onsite programs conducted April – early November. *School Gift Shop is available at the teacher's request.* (2009)

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**Ky. Dept. for Fish and Wildlife Resources  
Kentucky Commerce Cabinet**

**1 Game Farm Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Education Department  
Phone: 502-564-4336 or 1- 800-858-1549  
Email: nancy.mciver@ky.gov  
Web Site: www.fw.ky.gov**

**Programs:** Conservation education program for 5th and 6th graders. The conservation education program leader visits the class once a month and discusses ecology, wildlife and environmental issues. Topics include: natural resources (soils, water, trees, habitat); snakes; birds; amphibians; endangered species, and other subjects. Length of the program is 45 minutes. Class size limit of 100 students. One teacher is required to be in the classroom for the presentation. Call in August to arrange for visits for the school year. There is no charge for the program.

**Other Programs:** Summer camp at Camp Webb, Grayson, Ky.; Salato Wildlife Center in Frankfort; Hunter Education; Hooked on Fishing; and Junior Duck Stamp Contest, call for information.

**Materials:** Variety of supplies, posters with teaching guides (Rivers, Stream Ecosystems) and other information available. (2009)

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**Kentucky Division of Forestry  
Department for Natural Resources**

**627 Comanche Trail  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

**Contact:** Lynn Brammer or Jennifer Turner  
**Office:** 502-564-4496 / 800-866-0555  
**Fax:** 502-564-6553  
**Email:** Lynn.brammer@ky.gov or  
JenniferL.turner@ky.gov  
**Web site:** www.forestry.ky.gov

**Programs and Resources:** (See listing under Project Learning Tree) Tree Trunk (available on loan for teachers to use in the classroom). Arbor Day Celebration packet. Forestry posters and teacher resource packets also available. (2009)

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**Fourmile Creek Outdoor Classroom**

**813 Hawkins Street  
Carrollton, KY 41008**

**Contact: Superintendent Carroll County Schools  
Phone: 502-732-7070**

**Description:** The site has 216 acres with over five miles of nature trails. Located 2.5 miles East of Carrollton on Fourmile Road.

**Programs/Facilities:** Features include: amphitheater, shelterhouse, greenhouse, bird sanctuary, wildlife food plots, native grassland plot, weather station, soil pit, created wetland, tree plantation, orchard, rock garden, and compost bin. The site is not staffed. Use of area must be reserved two weeks in advance. Facilities include a shelterhouse, nature trails and restroom. No food service, brown bags are welcome. (2003)

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**Highland Cemetery Nature Trails**

**2167 Dixie Highway  
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017**

**Contact: Tom Honebrink  
Phone: 859-331-3220**

**Description:** Hiking trails covering over four miles on 150 acres of undeveloped cemetery property, bordered by Highland Pike, Ft. Wright, Ft. Mitchell, and the cemetery proper. Trails open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To find trail head, take all right turns after entering the cemetery. Trail head is on left side of road (look for bench and mail box that holds trail registry and maps). Trails are a part of Cemetery's Wildlife Enhancement Program and were installed with as little disturbance to the environment as

possible. Trails are maintained by volunteers and may be blocked or rerouted to prevent erosion and avoid animal hibernation areas. Peak wildflower viewing is mid-April. Early spring and summer are ideal times for birdwatchers who want to see native species and neotropical migrants. Peak fall color usually mid-October. The cemetery Wildlife Enhancement Program includes “no mow” zones, a composting area, and nest boxes.

**Programs:** Programs and materials may be available with advance notice. All school or other groups should make advance arrangements to visit the cemetery trails.

**Facilities:** There are no facilities at the cemetery. Dogs (on a leash, please) are allowed on trails only. Please do not disturb plants or wildlife. Pack out all trash. Limited parking is available at the trailhead. School buses may drop off and pick up students at the trailhead. (2009)

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### **High Point Environmental Camp**

**11176 Rt. 42  
Union, KY 41091  
Phone: 859-384-4400**

**Description:** Nature activities and studies on 20 acre site, including Native American experiences.

**Programs:** A week long environmental camp held in June using center volunteers and area educators.

**Facilities:** The facilities include a house with clean indoor restrooms, a pond for fishing (by permission only), a straw bale barn and several trails that wind through the 20-acre site. Most areas are not handicapped or wheelchair accessible. No food service, but brown bags are welcome. (2003)

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### **Home Builders Association (HBA) Northern Kentucky, Women's Council**

**209 Grandview Drive  
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017**

**Contact: Christy Noll, 859-331-2609  
Cindy Goetz, 859-525-8895, 859-334-4455 (W)  
Mike Enzweiler, 859-331-9500**

**Description:** There are four programs designed for use with children and teens that involve environmental issues as well

as the building trade.

1. *Bob the Builder – Blueprints for Home Safety*, which is a new addition appropriate for preschool/kindergarten children, teaches safety issues for homes concerning fires, 911, strangers, guns, etc.,

2. *Homes of Our Own* program is suitable for grades 2-3) and is about the environment and builders. Program includes video, classroom materials, and speaker presentation.

3. *Elm Street Detectives* program is aimed at 5<sup>th</sup> graders and includes a video and classroom materials (about career, science, and social studies). Speaker presentation if desired.

4. *Building Homes of Our Own* program is an interactive teaching tool for the computer. It is an innovative home building simulation game that is used to build a well-built, well-designed home, addressing environmental and community issues. Career speakers available.

All programs are free and volunteers from the Home Builder’s Women’s Councils, as well as builders, are available for speaking and presenting materials. Reservations for speakers need to be made at least three weeks in advance. (2004)

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### **Imago Earth Center**

**700 Enright Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45205**

**Contact: Shea Norris, Education Coordinator  
Phone: 513-921-5124 Fax: 513-921-1045  
E-mail: [office@imagoearth.org](mailto:office@imagoearth.org)  
Website: [www.imagoearth.org](http://www.imagoearth.org)**

**Description:** Sixteen-acre nature preserve dedicated to providing quality environmental education programs both onsite and in the classroom. All of the programs are designed to expose and build connections between the participants and the natural world as well as enhance school curriculum standards. All programs are hands-on experience with games, hikes, and other activities.

**Programs:** Nature Hike, Ohio River Valley Plants and Animals, Classification, Insects, Sensory, Adaptations, Native American Culture, Caretakers, and Plants. Programs range in time from 1-3.5 hours and in age from PreK - Jr. High. Most programs are available onsite at the Earth Center or in the classroom. Fees start at \$3 per child per program, no fee for adults and chaperones. Scholarships are

available for qualifying schools. Call to make reservations ahead of time.

**Facilities:** Indoor bathrooms, some indoor classroom space in case of inclement weather. Trails are level and most are wood mulched. No food service, but brown bags are welcome in the picnic area or inside. Trails not handicapped or wheelchair accessible. Open 9am-5pm Mon-Sat (2009)

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## **Kenton County Recreation**

**3902 Richardson Road  
Independence, KY 41051**

**Contact: Steve Trauger  
Phone: 859-525-PLAY (7529)  
Fax: 859-525-7265  
e-mail: [steve.trauger@kentoncounty.org](mailto:steve.trauger@kentoncounty.org)  
Web Site: <http://www.kentoncounty.org>**

**Description:** For Shelterhouse reservations, call (859) 525-7529. Shelterhouse reservations begin the first Monday in February. For directions, call (859) 525-PLAY (7529), e-mail, or visit our website.

*Bowman Field* – Located on Locust Pike, this park features a baseball field and play area.

*Doe Run Lake Park* – This 183-acre park is located at 1501 Bullock Pen Rd., Covington, 41017 off KY Hwy 17, surrounds Doe Run Lake and offers scenic vistas, hiking, and fishing. A permanent port-o-let has been installed. Part of the Doe Run Nature Trail is open and eventually, pedestrian bridges will allow hikers to completely circle the lake. Four of the bridges have been completed. A hiking trail map with mileage markers, benches, and other trail amenities will be installed. Entrance to the trail is near the boat launch. An excellent Largemouth Bass fishery, only self-powered boats or electric motors are allowed. Great birding site. Other features: picnic areas with roofed tables along the north side of the lake, home to a link in the Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail, and a boat launch ramp.

*Lincoln Ridge Park (formerly Banklick Woods)* – Located at 420 Independence Station Rd, Independence, 41051 between KY Hwy 17 and Turkeyfoot Rd. This 78-acre park features 3 shelterhouses, restrooms, and play areas. The newest play area, near Shelterhouse 3, is ADA-accessible and features poured-in-place safety surfacing. Amenities include a championship 24-hole disc golf course, baseball diamond, soccer field, horseshoe courts, fishing ponds, hiking trails,

good birding, home to a link in the Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail, and lots of picnic possibilities.

*Middleton-Mills Park* – A mix of sport venues and our natural world in this 100-acre park is about. Located at 3514 Mills Rd, Covington, 41015 off KY Hwy 16, between Taylor Mill and Independence, this park was opened in 1997. Features include 2 shelterhouses, restrooms, 3 play areas (the newest play area is located near Shelterhouse 2, is ADA-accessible, and features poured-in-place safety surfacing), horseshoe courts, sand volleyball court, 5 baseball diamonds, 2 soccer fields, 2 football fields, basketball courts, 3 fishing lakes (one with a pier for wheelchair accessibility is stocked five times each year as part of the FINS program, Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's Fishing In NeighborhoodS program), hiking trails, and home to a link in the Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail. Plenty of parking spaces are available. Concessions are offered during scheduled games and events. *Wild Wednesdays!* programs are held in Shelterhouse 2 (May thru August) and provided free of charge – call or visit the website for details.

*Pioneer Park* – This 43-acre park, located at 3951 Madison Pike, Covington, 41017 just off KY Hwy 17 features basketball and tennis courts, 2 baseball/softball diamonds, soccer fields, play areas, paved hiking and bicycle trails, 2 shelterhouses with restrooms, home to a link in the Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail, and plenty of picnic areas. (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science programs are held in Shelterhouse 1 (May thru August) and provided free of charge – call or visit the website for details.

*Richardson Road Park* – Located at 3415 Richardson Rd., Independence, 41051 across from the Golf Courses of Kenton County, this 21-acre park features tennis and basketball courts, 3 baseball/softball diamonds, horseshoe courts, play area (ADA-accessible and features poured-in-place safety surfacing), and shelterhouse with restrooms. (2009)

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## **Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE)**

**Po Box 17494  
Louisville KY 40217-0494**

**Contact:** [info@kaee.org](mailto:info@kaee.org)  
**Web:** <http://www.kaee.org>

Description: Since 1976, the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education has worked to build a



sustainable environment through education. The Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE) is one of the country's oldest associations supporting environmental education and the first affiliate of the North American Association for Environmental Education. KAEE includes people from all walks of life – teachers, administrators, government and agency personnel, business and industry representatives, and private citizens. Membership in KAEE entitles you to receive a monthly e-digest and quarterly newsletter, advance notice of our annual conference and professional development events in the realm of EE, and the opportunity to join a network of individuals concerned about Kentucky's environment. Annual membership in KAEE runs from October 1 – September 30. (2009)

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**Kentucky Environmental Education Council**  
**2107 Capitol Plaza Tower**  
**Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Executive Director**  
**Phone: 502-564-5937 / 800-882-5271**  
**Fax: 502-564-6784**

**Description:** The Kentucky Environmental Education Council is a state agency located in the Cabinet for Education, Arts and Humanities. The work of the Council is directed by a group of citizens appointed by the Governor. The Council was established to improve Kentuckians' understanding of their environment.

**Programs:** Centralized clearinghouse. Provides information on curriculum guides and other materials, resource people, environmental education programs, outstanding natural areas for outdoor study, funding possibilities, and special programs and events. Information is available by calling the 800 number listed above. (2009)

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**Kentucky NEED Project, an affiliate of the National Energy Education Development Project**

**P.O. Box 176055**  
**Covington, KY 41017-6055**

**Contact: Karen P. Reagor, State Director**  
**Phone: 859-578-0312 Fax: 859-578-0316**  
**E-mail: kpreagor@need.org**  
**or**  
**Pam Proctor, Program Associate**  
**Phone: 859-635-7988**

**E-Mail: [pproctor@need.org](mailto:pproctor@need.org)**

**Description:** Kentucky NEED is the state affiliate of the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project. NEED is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of energy education and leadership skills nationwide. NEED programs are heralded across the United States for their innovative teaching strategies that allow students to become actively involved in their own learning.

**Programs:** A variety of workshops are provided by the Kentucky NEED Project. Workshops provide teachers and students the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities that teach about ENERGY. Workshops and in-service session can be customized to fit the specific needs of any school and grade level. Reservations should be made at least one (1) month in advance. Workshops and all materials are provided at little or no cost. All curriculum is available for download at: <http://www.need.org/curriculum.php>. Our energy management for schools program focuses on building partnerships between teachers, students, facility managers and administrators to use the school building as a learning lab to learn about energy efficiency and conservation. (2009)

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**Kentucky State Parks**

**500 Mero Street, 11th Floor**  
**Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Interpretive Services**  
**Phone: 502-564-2172 Fax: 502-564-9015**

**Description:** Kentucky State Parks system offers a residential camp program. R.E.A.C.H. (Recreation, Environment, and Cultural History) education camps are developed to take place in the natural beauty and unique cultural diversity of Kentucky's state parks.

**Program:** State Resort Park naturalists or recreation supervisors will assist in developing a program that meets student's needs. Class size depends on accommodations available at facility. A minimum of one teacher or chaperone per eight students is required. Call about fees. Reservations should be made as far as possible in advance with the Resort Park.

**Facilities:** Lodging and dining facilities at State Resort Parks are also available for people with disabilities. (2009)

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**Big Bone Lick State Park**  
3380 Beaver Road  
Union, KY 41091

**Contact: Todd Young, Naturalist**  
**Phone: 859-384-3522 Fax: 859-384-4755**

**Description:** Big Bone Lick was added to the State Park System in 1960. The 512-acre park has recreation areas, campground, 7.5 acre lake and visitor's center. The visitor's center houses fossilized remains of prehistoric animals; Mastodon, Mammoth and Bison, as well as American Indian relics. Bison herd in permanent enclosure. Hiking Trails: 4 miles of maintained trails. The Big Bone Creek Trail and Diorama Area features a bison herd, salt-sulfur spring, and bog diorama. Other trails are the Corralberry Trail around the lake, Cedar run, and Gobbler's Trace from the museum to the campground.

**Programs:** Programs are available by contacting the naturalist. They include: Atlatls, Bison tour, Creeks and ecology, Fossils, Guided Park Tour, History of Big Bone, Mary Ingles, Nature Center Tour, Owl Prowl, Pioneers, Pre-historic Living Skills, Searching for Snakes, Surviving the Wild: survival skills programs, the Ice Age and many others. For a full list contact the park naturalist.

**Facilities:** Two shelter houses with electrical service in park. Shelter houses are available for rent on a daily basis. Modern restrooms. Big Bone Creek Trail and Diorama area are handicapped accessible. Food service not available.

**Fees:** No entry fees.

**Hours:** Park Office: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F.  
Museum/Gift Shop: Jan. Closed  
Memorial Day through Labor Day: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm  
Rest of season: Go to park office, which is in the same building, and it can be opened for you.

**Special Events:**

Lick the Wild: survival skills weekend:  
Campers Appreciation Weekend:  
Ordovician Fossil Roundups  
Ghost Hunts  
Spear Throwing Demonstrations  
Tour De Cure  
Save an Endangered Species Days  
Free Fishing Weekend  
Pirate Week

Creek Stomping  
Winter Festival in July  
Bad to the Bone Duathlon  
Home Haunters Spooktacular  
Salt Festival  
Halloween Spook-Fest weekends (2009)

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**Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park**

**P.O. Box 66**  
**Mt. Olivet, KY 41064**

**Contact: Paul Tierney**  
**Phone: 859-289-5507 Fax: 859-289-4469**

**Description:** Contact Paul Tierney for program and facility information. (2009)

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**Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park**

**4441 KY HWY 1833**  
**Buckhorn, KY 41721**

**Contact: Sue Thomas/Tesa Turner**  
**Phone: (606) 398-7510 Fax: (606) 398-7077**  
**E-mail: sue.thomas@ky.gov**  
**Web Site address [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov)**

Buckhorn Lake State Resort, under the direction of the Interpretative & Recreation Division, has many nature and outdoor recreation oriented activities that may meet your needs. **The price of an on-park program will be \$1.00 per student for an activity.** This price includes use of the picnic shelter, if it is not already reserved. There will be no charge for chaperones and leaders. Of course, if your group decides to eat in the dining room, everyone would need to pay the cost of their meal. The Gift Shop will be open during your stay.

Group size is preferred to be kept at around 35 students. This number seems to be best when working with hands on programs and for general listening and attention spans. With this in mind programs are usually about 45 minutes long. However the times and number of students can be negotiated. Groups coming to the park can generally be of any size and can participate in a number of programs in one day. Large groups will, of course, be limited in number of possible activities because of time constraints.

For additional information, please call 1-800-325-

0058 or 1-606-398-7510 and ask for Sue Thomas.

**PROGRAMS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

**Natural History and Logging**

- Common Birds By Our Window, along with singing calls
- Reptiles of Kentucky
- Bats of Kentucky
- Mammals of Kentucky
- Water Cycle: Significance of a Watershed
- Pontoon Boat Ride
- Fish in Buckhorn Lake (hands-on fishing opportunity)
- Orienteering (compass work, map reading)
- Nature Hike of our 1 ½ mile Interpretative Trail
- Coal Mining: Effects of strip mining & reclamation

**Kentucky Crafts**

- Reed Basket making, cornhusk dolls, broom making

**Kentucky History**

- History of the area, more particular about the Bowlingtown community, that was displaced when the lake was impounded
- Discussion of coat of arms, the Boling coat of arms, and the students developing their own coat of arms
- Pioneer Games
- Pioneer Toys

**Appalachian Studies**

- Music & Art
- Folk, Square & Line Dancing
- Food
- Stories & Folktales

**Arts & Humanities**

- Different types of Instruments
- Different styles of Dance
- Different styles of Music

**Team Building Skills**

**Outdoor Survival Skills**

**Outdoor Cooking**

**Facilities:** Indoor and outdoor with modern restrooms and handicapped or wheelchair accessible. Food available for purchase and/or brown bag welcome.

**Outreach Programs and Tours:**

Hours available for program or tour: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Programming conducted by staff for K-12. 20 minutes – 1 hour with class size limit of 70. Chaperones 1:12 students. Pre-visit Preparation and materials available. Reservations - 30 days in advance. Pay in advance or at

the visit \$2.00 - \$5.00 depending on program and length. (2009)

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**Carter Caves State Resort Park**

**344 Caveland Drive  
Olive Hill, KY 41164**

**Contact: Recreation Department**

**Phone: 606-286-4411 or Fax: 606-286-0471**

**E-mail: coy.ainsley@ky.gov**

**Website: www.parks.ky.gov**

**Outreach Programs:** Cave Tours, Nature Programs, Archery

**Facilities:** Indoor and/or outdoor – Lodge, Amphitheater, Picnic Shelters. Facility is Handicapped or Wheelchair Accessible - (The caves are not accessible) Food available for purchase and/or brown bag welcome - We have a Restaurant that serves three meals a day.

**Outreach Programs and Tours:**

We accommodate stop groups needs. Programming Conducted by staff - Naturalist and/or Cave Guides. Age Suitability: Elementary – High School. Program length ranges depend on what programs you choose. Capacity is 15-100 with 18-1 Ratio for chaperones. Reservations are needed at least 2 weeks in advance, although a month is better.

Fees Range from \$4-\$10 depending on number of programs. Up to 5 teachers at no charge. Parent Chaperones pay the same as the children. (2009)

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**General Butler State Resort Park**

**325 PO Box  
1608 US Hwy 227  
Carrollton, KY 41008**

**Contact: Tanya Supplee, Parks Program Supervisor**

**Phone: 502-732-4384 Fax: 502-732-4270**

**Email: Tanya.Supplee@ky.gov**

**Website: www.parks.ky.gov**

The hilltop Butler Lodge is an attraction within itself. Listen to the piano and admire the Ohio River valley view. Each of the 53 rooms features a private balcony or patio

overlooking the pool or hillside. This hilltop resort is the essence of river town charm, featuring the warm glow of polished brass and rich woodwork. Rooms are available by late afternoon. Check-out by noon, Eastern Time. Pets are not allowed (with the exception of service dogs). High speed wireless internet service available at the lodge.

### **Reach Camps**

Details outlined on Kentucky State Parks webpage @ [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov) Kentucky State Parks system offers a residential camp program R.E.A.C.H. (Recreation, Environment, Cultural and History) education camps are developed to take place in the natural beautiful and unique cultural diversity of Kentucky's State Parks.

### **Cottages**

24 cottages are available, with some having a private balcony or patio. One, two, three-bedroom cottages with one bath and two or three executive cottages with two baths are available. Tableware, cooking utensils, and linens are provided with fresh linens available daily. Cottages are available late afternoon, check out by 11 am. Pets are not allowed (with the exception of service dogs).

### **Two Rivers Restaurant**

Two Rivers' name and fish camp décor is a reference to the Ohio and Kentucky rivers which meet in the local area. Two Rivers restaurant serves a bistro style dinner menu with a variety of items ranging from fish to pasta and chicken to steaks. We also serve our signature Kentucky favorites and locally grown produce. We also offer a daily lunch buffet and a very popular Sunday brunch. Two Rivers has been featured in the book "Dining across Kentucky" as well as on the Kentucky Life television program.

### **Camping**

The campground offers 111 campsites with utility hookups and grills. Showers and rest rooms are available at two central service buildings and one laundry facility is available. Check out by 1 pm. Open year-round but some sites unavailable during winter months from November 18 - March 14. Please call to reserve a site during the winter months.

### **Butler-Turpin State Historic House**

This fine country home built in 1859 is a place of remembrance to one of Kentucky's foremost military families from Colonial times through the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Civil War. More on Historic page... The living house museum embodies life at the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers along with the military contributions of the Butler family. Built in the Greek revival style the house is a three-bay two-story structure with a commanding view of the Kentucky River Valley. The

personal effects of military documents, furniture and objects bring to life a family steeped in military history. The house is located on the grounds of General Butler State Resort Park. House open from March 1 to November 1, by appointment in winter.

### **Hours of Operation**

- **Grounds:** Open year round
- **Museum/Giftshop:** March 1 to November 1- House Open
- **Campground:** Open year round (2009)

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### **Greenbo Lake State Resort Park**

**965 Lodge Road  
Greenup, KY 41144**

**Contact: Paul Verespy, Program Supervisor  
Phone: 606-473-7324 Fax: 606 473 7741  
E-mail: [paul.verespy@ky.gov](mailto:paul.verespy@ky.gov)  
Web Site: [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov)**

**Description:** Greenbo Lake State Resort Park offers a variety of field trip activities for all ages including a hayride around the park, nature hikes, boat rides (seasonal), a tour of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Iron Furnace and the One-Room Schoolhouse located at the park, and various nature programs tailored to your group. Some activities may include a fee.

The park is open year-round; classes can visit on weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., call Recreation Supervisor Paul Verespy for information at 606-473-7324 or 1-800-325-0083.

### **Programs:**

**Hayride around the park** (Offered Seasonally) – All aboard the Greenbo Express! Let's take a slow ride around the park. Limit 30 people, 35 minutes.

**Another Place and Time:** Take a look back at yesteryear when Kentucky was a major producer of Pig Iron, and one-room schoolhouses dotted the landscape. This program is available as a tour of the iron furnace and schoolhouse or as a PowerPoint presentation. 30 minutes.

**Nature Hike** - Hike the Fern Valley and learn about the cultural and natural history of the area, the trail is easy-going with one hill that gradually slopes up. It is 1.1 miles in length; tennis shoes or boots are required. Limit 25 people, 45 minutes.

**Pontoon Boat Excursion** (Offered Seasonally) - Take a

relaxing boat ride around the lake. Learn the history behind the lake and founding of the park. Limit 9 people per boat, 90 minutes.

**Tree Identification-** Learn how to identify various trees of the area, you will also have a chance to make your very own leaf rubbings. Limit 25 people, 30 minutes.

**4 Seasons of Greenbo** – Enjoy a great slideshow picturing Greenbo Lake at all different times of the year, the show is set to the music of John Denver. 35 minutes.

**Tobacco Stick Walking Staff** – Want a truly unique souvenir? Make a walking staff from genuine Kentucky Tobacco Sticks, straight from the fields. You can decorate it to your liking. Limit 20 people per session, 60 minutes. (2009)

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### **John James Audubon State Park**

**3100 US Hwy 41 North  
Henderson, KY 42420  
Mailing: P.O. Box 576, 42419**

**Contact: Julie McDonald or Kim McGrew  
Phone: 270-826-2247 / 270-827-1893  
Fax: 270-826-2286**

**Email: JohnJamesAudubon@ky.gov or  
Juliea.mcdonald@ky.gov  
Web: <http://parks.ky.gov/findparks/recparks/au>**

**Programs:** Programs are available to groups in the Henderson, Kentucky/Evansville, Indiana area. The education and recreation staff is available to come and speak to your group or classroom. Lessons correspond to Kentucky and Indiana Education Standards. If you can't find a program that fits your subject needs, our staff will be happy to cater our programs to your group's interests. Outdoor activities are weather dependent and may be amended or canceled in the event of inclement weather. Participants should be dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. Upon request, our park can reserve a shelter for your group free of charge with a paid program (per availability).

To schedule a program for 12 or more participants, please contact Kim McGrew, Julie McDonald, or Alan Gehret by phone at 270-827-1893 or e-mail [kim.mcgreg@ky.gov](mailto:kim.mcgreg@ky.gov), [juliea.mcdonald@ky.gov](mailto:juliea.mcdonald@ky.gov), or [alan.gehret@ky.gov](mailto:alan.gehret@ky.gov).

Programs are subject to availability.

**Program fees:**

Onsite programs: 1 program=\$2.00 per person, 2=\$4.00 per person, 3 programs=\$5.00 per person. Some programs (e.g., Surviving the Elements, Challenge Course, etc.) may require additional fees. These fees will be outlined in the program descriptions.

**Outreach programs:** Our recreation/education staff can come to your school, organization meeting, nursing home, etc. Program fees range from \$30 - \$50 per program. Minimum of two groups required for art outreach programs. Additional fees may apply for art materials and transportation costs. Shelters with playground equipment are available for lunch breaks. Contact education staff for more information. (2009)

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### **Kincaid Lake State Park**

**565 Kincaid Park Road  
Falmouth, KY 41040-9203  
859-654-3531  
Park Manager: Jeff Auchter**

A campground, a 183-acre lake, hiking trails, mini-golf and a new 9-hole golf course are all the ingredients that make Kincaid Lake a popular retreat for campers, fishermen, boaters and golfers.

**Golf:** 9-hole, par 36 course on a wooded site features hilly terrain.

**Camping:** 84 sites with electric and water hookups, a grocery, playground and a central service building with restrooms and showers. Reservations on-line or at 1-888-4KY-PARK.

**Fishing:** Variety of species from trophy largemouth bass to bluegill.

**Marina & Boat Ramp:** 38 open boat slips and rental boats, such as pontoons, fishing boats, row boats and pedal boats. Seasonal.

**Hiking Trails:** Named for the native flora, the Spicebush and Ironwood Trails offer 2.25 miles of connected loop trails.

**Recreational Activities:** Swimming pool, miniature golf, basketball, tennis, handball, volleyball and shuffleboard courts, planned recreation – seasonal.

**Picnicking & Playground:** Picnic shelter with restrooms, tables, grills and a playground.

**Meeting Room:** Multi-purpose building that seats 240 guests, equipped with full kitchen.

Directions: 48 miles southeast of Covington: Take I-275 east to US 27 south to Falmouth, and KY 159 to the park. 61 miles northeast of Lexington: Take US 27 to KY 159. (2009)

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## Lake Cumberland State Resort Park

5465 State Park Road  
Jamestown, KY 42629-7801

**Contact:** Robert Myers, Park/Naturalist Supervisor  
**Phone:** 1-270-343-3111  
**Fax:** 1-270-343-5510  
**Email:** RobertA.Myers@ky.gov  
**Website:** <http://parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/lc>

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park offers archery lessons, air gun target shooting, a fish hatchery trip, hiking in the woods and a bird walk to students. (2009)

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**NATURAL BRIDGE STATE RESORT PARK**  
2135 Natural Bridge Rd.  
Slade, KY 40376

**Contact:** Brian Gasdorf  
**Phone:** (606) 663-2214 ext. 2104  
**Email:** brian.gasdorf@ky.gov

### GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Naturalist Staff of Natural Bridge State Resort Park offers a variety of educational and experiential programs dealing with the natural history of the region.

Please note that not all programs are available at all times. All listed fees are per participant and are subject to change. There must be one adult for every 10 children under 18, and there are a minimum number of participants for each program.

### OUR MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS GUIDED HIKE TO NATURAL BRIDGE

1 - 2 miles, 1 – 2 hours, Moderate, \$3.50  
This guided hike will introduce you to the cultural and natural history of the park - you'll go to places such as Devil's Gulch staircase, Lookout Point overlook, and of course, Kentucky's Natural Bridge! Learn about the unique geology of the Red River Gorge, as well as the area's flora and fauna. Suitable for all ages.

### REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS OF NATURAL BRIDGE – LIVE!

45 minutes – 1 hour, Easy, \$3.00  
Have you ever held a salamander, looked a toad straight in the face, or touched a snake? Join us for an exciting

experience that will allow you to discover the world of some of the most misunderstood animals at the park. This will truly be a memorable experience! Live reptiles and amphibians are a part of this program.

### PADDLING ON MILL CREEK LAKE

Maximum 14 people. Minimum 6 people.  
Non-refundable deposit of \$60.00 due at time of registration.  
1-2 hours, Easy/Moderate, \$10.00  
A Naturalist will instruct your group on basic flatwater canoeing as you enjoy a leisurely float around the park's beautiful Mill Creek Lake.

### OTHER POPULAR PROGRAMS CRAZY CREEK CRITTERS

45 minutes – 1 hour, Easy, \$3.00  
Come and explore the unique world of aquatic critters through hands-on activities. Warning: you will get wet!

### KENTUCKY CREATURES

45 minutes – 1 hour, Easy, \$3.00  
The animals that call Natural Bridge home have some amazing adaptations that allow them to survive and thrive at the park. Join a Naturalist for some hands-on activities and games that explore the world of these amazing creatures! Some special live animal guests may make an appearance!

### FEATHERED FRIENDS

1 hour, Easy, \$3.00  
Natural Bridge is home to a variety of bird species. Come and discover what makes birds unique from other animals. We will also give you some tips on how to identify some of the common birds of the park. This program can be combined with a bird walk.

### GEOLOGY HIKE ON BATTLESHIP ROCK TRAIL

1.5 miles, 1 - 2 hours, Moderate, \$3.50  
Join a Naturalist as we explore the unique geology of the Natural Bridge/Red River Gorge Area. Highlights will include Devil's Gulch, Lookout Point, and the famous Natural Bridge!

### BEGINNER'S CAVE WALK (available May – September)

Maximum 10 people,  
1 hour, Easy, \$3.00 (ages 6-12), \$5.00 (ages 13 and up)  
Are you afraid of the dark? Confront your fear of dark and unknown places as a Naturalist leads you into a local cave environment and introduces you to some of the creatures that call the darkness home. This is a comfortable and enjoyable walk for ages 6 and up.

## **WILDFLOWER WALK ON ROCK GARDEN**

### **TRAIL (Spring only)**

1 -3 miles, 1 - 3 hours, Easy/Moderate, \$3.50

This peaceful guided walk along the Rock Garden trail will travel through some of the most beautiful and diverse plant communities in the area.

## **CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE**

Maximum 15 people

1 mile, 1 hour, Easy, \$5.00

This evening walk will introduce you to things that go "bump" in the night. Join a Naturalist and see what emerges from the darkness. Learn life histories and behaviors of some of the most interesting and secretive creatures in the park.

## **LEAVE NO TRACE AWARENESS**

### **PRESENTATION**

45 min - 1 hour, Easy, 3.00

As of 2008 the Kentucky Department of Parks is a proud partner with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and we are eager to educate outdoor enthusiasts throughout the state about the Leave No Trace Principles. We highly encourage educators, children, college students, scouts, outdoor professionals, trail crews and hiking club members to arrange a workshop with the Naturalist Staff.

## **SURVIVOR!**

1 – 2 hours, Easy, \$3.00

Do you have what it takes to survive out in the wilderness? Come discover essential skills such as building shelter, finding water and food, and starting a fire. This program can also include decorating a tobacco walking stick to take with on your next outdoor adventure for an additional fee.

## **MOTOR TOUR OF THE RED RIVER GORGE**

Minimum 6 people. Transportation provided for up to 10 people.

Non-refundable deposit of \$42.00 due at time of registration.

2+ hours, \$7.00

A Naturalist will join your group for a guided tour of the Red River Gorge Geological Area, including stops at Nada Tunnel, Gladie, and Sky Bridge. We can provide a van for the first 10 people in your group, but feel free to caravan in other vehicles and meet us at each stop.

## **FOR THE MORE ADVENTUROUS SCENIC HIKE ON HOOD'S BRANCH TRAIL**

4.5 miles, 3-5 hours, Moderate, \$6.00

Looking for a little peace and quiet? The entire Hood's Branch watershed lies within the State Nature Preserve portion of the park and is home to several rare species as well as spectacular scenery.

## **ADVENTURE HIKE ON SAND GAP TRAIL**

7.5 - 10 miles, 6-8 hours, Strenuous, \$9.00

Sand Gap is the longest uninterrupted loop trail in the Natural Bridge/Red River Gorge area and an excellent place to get away from the crowd. Join a Naturalist for this day-long adventure and discuss the ecology, geology, and history of the area as well as wilderness ethics and outdoor living skills. (2009)

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## **Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park**

20781 Pennyrile Lodge Rd.

Dawson Springs, KY 42408

**Contact Rebecca Clark, Naturalist**

**Phone: 1-800-325-1711 or 270-797-3421**

**Fax: 270-797-3413**

**E-mail: [rebecca.clark@ky.gov](mailto:rebecca.clark@ky.gov)**

**[www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/pf/naturalist/](http://www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/pf/naturalist/)**

### **Types of Programs Available**

Programs are available both at the park and in the classroom (outreach). All ages are welcome to join in. Teachers or group leaders need only to contact the park naturalist to set-up a date, time and specific program.

### **Group Size**

When performing outreach programs it is preferred that groups be kept around 30 students. This number is favorable when working with hands on programs. Most programs last approximately 45 minutes. Times and number of students can be negotiated. Groups coming to the park can be any size and they can participate in a number of programs in one day. Field trip programs vary in length from 45 minutes to 2 hours per program. Larger groups will be limited in number of activities due to time constraints.

### **Program Fees**

Outreach programs will cost \$40 dollars a program. If more than three programs are required in a day, the cost is \$110. Different fees are required for programs presented at the park. The fee for programs at the park is \$1 per student per program. For example: a day long trip with three programs would cost \$3 per student. Program fees include all necessary materials, as well as the use of a shelter or meeting room.

## Chaperones

We require there to be one adult per every ten children under the age of 13. On guided hikes chaperones should be both in the middle and end of the group.

A variety of Outreach and Field Trip Programs are available. Please call or visit our website for more information. (2009)



## Pine Mountain State Resort Park

**1050 State Park Road  
Pineville, KY 40977**

**Contact:** Dean Henson, Naturalist  
**Phone:** 606-337-3066 **Fax:** 606-337-7250

**Email:** [Dean.Henson@ky.gov](mailto:Dean.Henson@ky.gov)  
**Website:** [parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/pm/](http://parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/pm/)

## Outreach Programs available

Pine Mountain State Resort Park offers special guided group tours and hikes for students and other groups. To make a student or group tour reservation, contact the park's Naturalist, Dean Henson, at [Dean.Henson@ky.gov](mailto:Dean.Henson@ky.gov) or by phone at (800) 325-1712.

## Program Description

For grades 4-12, the Naturalist can prepare adventures along park trails that are sure to provide many memorable personal experiences in the outdoors. Suggested topics include wilderness history, mountain geology, plant biology, forest ecosystems, wildlife/habitat, and conservation. The fee is \$3 per student. When you call, be sure to request a copy of our "Field Trip Hints" brochure that outlines useful information for planning student visits to the park.

## Tour Description

Field trips or tours can be organized during your group's stay at the park. Take a break from a busy meeting agenda to get some fresh air and play in the outdoors. Adventure is sure to help make any retreat or gathering more than just a meeting! Below are a few of our popular programs for groups:

Hiking in Blanton Forest – \$8 per person – 7 hrs  
Enjoy Kentucky's ultimate hiking adventure as you explore an ecological treasure on Pine Mountain's vaulted southeastern slopes. Blanton Forest is the largest remaining tract of old-growth forest in Kentucky and among the largest in the east U.S. The park will provide van transportation for up to 10 people. Additional paying

participants may follow in separate vehicles. Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and water. A minimum of 6 persons is required.

In the Footsteps of Boone – \$8 per person – 6.5 hrs  
This historical trek feature visits to Wilderness Road State Park (VA) and Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (KY-TN) to trace the steps of Boone and others traveling on the historic Wilderness Road. Highlights include a visit to Martin's Station fort, interaction with colonial reenactors (seasonal), a moderate 1-mile hike to the historic Cumberland Gap Pass and spectacular mountain scenery. The park will provide van transportation for up to 10 people. Additional paying participants may follow in separate vehicles. Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and water. A minimum of 6 persons is required.

Guided Hike to Historic Chained Rock - \$3-1.5 hrs  
See the legendary Chained Rock, hear the folk tale of how the rock came to be, and view the grandeur of the surrounding Cumberland Mountains. The Naturalist will also discuss the historic Wilderness Road, the Cumberland River, and the colorful Appalachian Culture. The park will provide van transportation for up to 10 people. Additional paying participants may follow in separate vehicles. Participants are encouraged to bring a camera and wear sturdy shoes. A minimum of 6 persons is required.

Guided Hike to Rock Hotel - \$3 – 1.5 hrs  
With each step, you'll move back in time to consider Indian lifeways of the pre-settlement wilderness of "Kaintucke". Discover what it may have been like to live as native peoples of the verdant mountain forests. The park will provide van transportation for up to 10 people. Additional paying participants may follow in separate vehicles. A minimum of 6 persons is required.

## Facilities

Indoor and/or outdoor facilities with modern restrooms, and handicapped or wheelchair accessible. Food available for purchase and/or brown bag welcome.

Hours available for program or tour:  
9 AM – 4 PM, Sun - Sat

Class size limits are 60 (2 groups of 30) with chaperones 1 per 10 students. Please make Reservations 2 months in advance  
Contact park for fee details. (2009)



**Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission**



**801 Schenkel Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601-1403**

**Phone: 502-573-2886 Fax: 502-573-2355**

**Description:** The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission is a state agency, formed in 1976. It is directed by five citizens appointed by the Governor. Its mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by identifying, acquiring, and managing natural areas that represent the best known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities, and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; working with others to protect biological diversity; and educating Kentuckians about the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation.

*Boone County Cliffs State Nature Preserve* is located along Middle Creek, off Middle Creek Road, in western Boone County. This 74-acre area is open to the public during daylight hours. There are several hiking trails. Please sign-in at the visitor information board.

*Dinsmore Woods* is located on the Dinsmore Homestead property in Boone County on KY 18. This 106-acre preserve with mature woods has a 1.7 mile moderately strenuous trail. It is open to the public during daylight hours. Park in the Boone County Middle Creek Park lot on the south side of KY 18. the trailhead is directly across KY 18 on the north side of the road.

There are no facilities at these preserves. (2004)

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### **Leopold Education Project**

**Ky. Dept. for Fish and Wildlife Resources  
1 Game Farm Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Jennifer Turner  
Phone: 502-564-4496 or 1-800-858-1549  
E-mail: JenniferL.Turner@ky.gov  
www.lep.org**

**Description:** A curriculum for grades 6 - 12 designed to instill a land ethic among tomorrow's stewards by providing direct experience with the natural world. Interdisciplinary and based on Aldo Leopold's classic literary work, *A Sand County Almanac*. Combining an ecologically sound understanding of science with excellent literary prose, the Almanac serves a foundation upon which students can build a relationship with the land. Workshops are six hours. Fee for materials is normally \$35 per person. (2009)

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### **Licking River Watershed Watch**

**Contact: Yvonne Meitchry, Director  
Phone: 859-757-8150  
E-mail: ymeichtry@insightbb.com  
Web: [www.LRWW.org](http://www.LRWW.org)**

**Description:** LRWW is a citizen-run group of volunteers who monitor water quality in the Licking River Watershed, which includes all of Northern Kentucky and adjacent streams that run into the Ohio River. Volunteers receive training in stream habitat assessment, macroinvertebrate identification, measurement of field parameters, and chemical and biological sampling. Training occurs at various times throughout the year. Water quality information is used by the state and others to improve environmental conditions.

**Programs:** Water Quality Monitoring and Clean Water Act training. Training is on Saturdays for approximately 5 hours for the adult age group. Visit our website for training schedule.

**Outreach Program:** Teacher and citizen education programs. No fees.

**Other Events:** Reclaim the River (2009)

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**The Nature Academy  
Office and mailing address:  
152 Rossmoyne Avenue  
Crestview Hills, KY 41017**

**Facilities located  
575 Jones Road  
Corinth, KY  
40 mins south of downtown, off I-75/Corinth exit**

**Contact: Rich Detzel  
Phone: 859-331-5345 or 859-512-1205  
Fax: 859-331-4459  
E-mail: [natureacad@fuse.net](mailto:natureacad@fuse.net)**

**Description:** The Nature Academy, located near Corinth, Ky. offers environmental programs for elementary, middle, and high school age children as well as family resource centers, senior care facilities, church and youth group or any number of community organizations. The Nature Academy

offers a variety of programs and educational opportunities indoors and out including the Raptor Bird, Native American, Honey Bees, Reptiles, and Echo Bat programs. They last approximately one hour. Please call ahead to schedule for reservations and more get more details.

**Programs:** *Windows to the Wild* involves a fall and spring visit to the Nature Academy and a winter visit by Rich Detzel to the school. A visit lasts from 9a.m. until 1p.m. During the winter visit, the school is given an outdoor study manual, a composting booklet, a bird feeder, 25 lbs. of birdseed, and 300 packets of flower and vegetable seeds. He will assist schools in their planning for outdoor classrooms at this time. Pre-visit materials are available. An outline of the course is given to teachers prior to the students' visit. Fees charged.

*Walk on the Wild Side* is a seasonal program during which you may spend a day at the Nature Academy. This program is open to senior groups, assisted living, nursing homes, church and youth groups. Programs give them a wonderful day in the country learning about wildlife, medicinal plants and early history.

**Facilities:** 2400 square ft. log lodge, 6000 ft. of trails, and an 8-acre lake with a mile shoreline. Native American village. Restrooms. The Academy is handicapped accessible. There is no food service, but can provide a nice grill-out or your brown bags are welcome. (2009)

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### **Northern Kentucky Health Department Environmental Health and Safety**

**610 Medical Village Drive  
Edgewood, KY 41017**

**Contact: Laura Strevels  
Phone: 859-341-4151 Fax: 859-578-7871**

**Description:** NKHD Environmental Health and Safety provides programs, trainings and presentations emphasizing prevention of environmental disease hazards.

**Programs:** For schools and general public. Topics include: disaster preparedness, onsite wastewater management, on-site installer training, food service classes, general sanitation presentations, bedbug presentations, radon outreach, lead poisoning prevention classes and presentations, surface water quality presentations. Programs conducted by staff on request and are suitable for all ages. Reservations requested

as far in advance as possible. Fees for some services and programs. (2009)

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**NKU ~ Center for Environmental Education  
Nunn Drive, BEP 160  
Highland Heights, KY 41099  
Phone: 859-572-1545  
Fax: 859-572-6096  
E-Mail: [enved@nku.edu](mailto:enved@nku.edu)  
Website: <http://www.nku.edu/~enved>  
Contact: Cecilia N. Baker, Director**

**Description:** The NKU Center for Environmental Education is one of eight Centers established at each of the state universities. The mission of this network of Centers, called the Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education (KUPEE), is to ensure the environmental literacy of Kentucky's citizenry. The functions of the KUPEE Centers are to: 1) provide environmental education to students at state universities and colleges, with special emphasis on the professional development of teachers; 2) coordinate regional services, including working with other institutions of higher education; 3) develop environmental programs and curriculum; 4) conduct environmental education research and program evaluation; & 5) present environmental perspectives and data for the citizenry.

**Programs:** Trunks of environmental education resources for loan. Current trunk topics are Air Quality, Earth & Space Science, Energy (8 separate topics), General/Outdoor Classroom, Native Plants & Animals, Plants-Soil-Trees, Solid Waste, & Water and Weather. Trunks contain hands-on resources, music CDs, lesson plans, activity books, field guides and more. See the website for a listing of trunk contents, bibliographies, lesson plans, & the trunk-use policy.

NKU has a Graduate Endorsement in Environmental Education. Find out more on our website!

Visit our website for a complete listing of professional development programs, courses, curriculum resources, community resources, and environmental education research findings. (2009)

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**Northern Kentucky Water District  
2835 Crescent Springs Road  
Erlanger, KY 41018**

**Contact: Communication & Education Committee**  
**Phone: 859-578-9898 Fax: 859-578-5456**  
**E-mail: info@nkywater.org**

**Programs:** AquaVenture – A community & education program (2009)

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### Newport Aquarium

**One Aquarium Way**  
**Newport, KY 41071**

**Contact: Reservations Department**  
**Phone: 859-815-1423 Fax: 859-261-3300**

**Description:** Newport Aquarium: A water wonderland with thousands of aquatic creatures in breathtaking exhibits. Visitors encounter the world's most beautiful, bizarre and dangerous animals.

**Programs:** School visit programs available, with discounted education rates for groups of 10 or more. Suitable for ages PreK – 12. 1 free chaperone/teacher per 10 students. Facility is indoors with restrooms and is handicapped accessible. Food is available with both box lunches and menu. Pre-visit materials are available. Hours 10a.m. – 6 p.m. (2009)

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### Ohio River Foundation

**4480 Classic Drive**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45241**

**Contact: Rich Cogan, Executive Director**  
**Erin Crowley, Education Director**  
**Phone: 513-460-3365 Fax: 513-469-6755**  
**E-mail: rcogan@ohioriverfdn.org**  
**Web Site: www.ohioriverfdn.org**

**Description and Program:** River Explorer: Hands-on Learning at the River's Edge, beginning Fall 2004. Suitable for grades 6 – 8, customized program lasting 2 – 3 hours. Programming conducted by staff and volunteer educators. Class size preferred, 10 – 20, with appropriate number of chaperones. Register now for Fall 2004. Pre-visit materials will be available. Handicapped accessibility depends on site. (2009)

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### ORSANCO (Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission)

**5735 Kellogg Avenue**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45228**

**Contact: Jeanne Ison/Melissa Mann**  
**Phone: 513-231-7719 Fax: 513-231-7761**  
**E-mail: info@orsanco.org**

**Description/ Programs:** ORSANCO is the water pollution control agency for Ohio River and tributaries. It offers presentations about the river and volunteer river monitoring programs, and organizes the annual River Sweep. Also has a 2,200-gallon traveling aquarium available to schools and community events. There is a charge for aquarium rental. Materials available include: science fair project book, educational map of the Ohio River (poster), coloring book and information on current water quality. (2009)

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### Potter's Ranch

**11500 Victory Schoolhouse Road**  
**Union, KY 41091**

**Contact: Grace Truebenbach**  
**Phone: 859-586-5475 Fax: 859-586-5491**  
**E-mail: trubie@fuse.net**  
**Web: [www.pottersranch.org](http://www.pottersranch.org)**

**Hours:** Open for business Monday-Saturday.  
Office hours Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Description:** Youth and family life ministries. Motto: "Shaping Lives for Tomorrow"

**Programs:** Ministry and corporate. Low Ropes Challenge Program (Team Building) age 8+-adult. High Ropes Challenge Program (Individual Challenge) age 13+. Tower of Power (40' climbing wall) age 10-adult. Indoor Climbing Wall (20' wall) age 6+. Trail rides – age 9+. Horsemanship lessons age 7+. Zip Line (Challenge by choice) 700'. Parable of the Horse. **Outreach Program:** Native American Drama and Pottery Presentation. **Programs** are conducted by staff: Ropes Programs, Equine Programs, Zip Line, and Climbing Walls. **Length of Program(s):** Half day to a week (closed Sundays). **Pre-visit Preparation:** Pre-visit materials are available. Prepare a contract worksheet for waivers and health forms.

**Reservations and Fees:** Depending upon requested facilities and services, up to a year in advance. Some services two weeks or more. Deposit up front, balance at time of visit. Chaperones are admitted for a fee.

**Facilities:** Non-smoking indoor and outdoor. Fellowship lodge (meals and meeting area), four cedar cabins (3 bedroom /3 bathrooms each), four log cabins (5 bedrooms each) use bathhouse, Tipi Village – camping, indoor arena – large groups. Most areas are handicapped or wheelchair accessible, some not. Box lunches or buffet meals are available.

**Special Events:** Seventh Anniversary celebration 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. (2004)

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**Project Food, Land and People Ag in the Community Program ~ Mobile Science Activity Centers Agriculture Adventures Program**

**Division of Agriculture Education, Farm and Home Safety, and Farmland Preservation**

**Kentucky Department of Agriculture  
100 Fair Oaks Lane, 5th Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Elizabeth McNulty  
Phone: 502-564-4983 Fax: 502-564-0303**

**Description:**

This is the department's educational outreach program providing hands on activities for school students through classroom and mobile classroom instruction. Activities focus on nutrition, science (states of matter, mixtures/solutions), economics, and many more! Most activities include a make and take component for hands on discovery. Please book for 1-3 days per school. We can typically visit 5-6 classes per day. Fee.

**Ag Adventures Program**

This is a mobile program providing an interactive and fun assembly about agriculture for the entire school. Interactive stations are set up throughout the rest of the day for students to explore by class and do hands on activities focused on things learned during the assembly. Books for one day per school. Fee.

**Project Food Land and People**

If you are looking for ways to introduce your students to agriculture, the environment, and people of the world, this

is the workshop for you! Looks at the economic, social, human health, and environmental aspects of agriculture.

**Workshop:** Hands-on physically active workshops for teachers. Workshops are six hours. Contact school for professional development credit approval. Activities can be used inside or outdoors. Minimum of 15 required for class. Participants receive the 55-lesson resource guide and other materials. Fee. (2009)

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**Project Learning Tree  
Kentucky Division of Forestry  
627 Comanche Trail  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Jennifer Turner  
Phone: 502-564-4496**

**Description:** An interdisciplinary, supplementary, environmental and conservation education program that uses forests as a window to the natural world. PLT's mission is to increase students' understanding of our complex environment, to stimulate critical and creative thinking, to develop the ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues, and to instill the confidence and commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment. This program teaches students how to think, not what to think.

**Programs:** Hands-on physically active workshops for teachers. Workshops are six hours. Contact school for professional development credit approval. Participants receive the 1993 revised activity guide (402 pages) for grades Pre-K to 8. High school level teachers receive their choice of new modules for high school: Focus on Forests, Ecology, Municipal Solid Waste, Focus on Risk. Activities correlated to KERA goals. Activities can be used inside or outdoors, and require little or no special equipment. Minimum of 15 required for class. Fee \$20.00 per participant. (2009)

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**Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)  
North Central 4-H Camp  
260 Camp Drive  
Carlisle, KY 40311**

**Contact: Jennifer Lynn  
Phone: 859-289-5308 Fax: 859-289-2098**

**Description:** An interdisciplinary, supplementary, environmental and conservation education program which

uses water, the water cycle, and water resources as the basis for instruction. Incorporates water education into a program of study for language arts, math, science, and social studies.

**Programs:** Hands-on physically active workshops for teachers. Workshops are six hours. Participants receive the 1995 activity guide (516 pages) for grades K - 12. Activities can be used inside or outdoors, and require little or no special equipment. Contact school for professional development credit approval. Minimum of 15 required for class. Fee, \$20 per person, but may vary with other services provided. (2009)

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### **Project WILD (Wildlife In Learning Design) & Project WILD Aquatic**

**Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources  
# 1 Sportsman's Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Laura Burford, Project WILD Coordinator  
Phone: 1-800-858-1549  
Email: [Laura.burford@ky.gov](mailto:Laura.burford@ky.gov)  
Web: [www.projectwild.org](http://www.projectwild.org)**

**Description:** An interdisciplinary, supplementary, environmental and conservation education program emphasizing wildlife. Teaches people how to think, not what to think about natural resources and environmental issues.

**Programs:** Hands-on physically active workshops for teachers. Workshops are six hours. Participants receive the 2001 revision of the activity guide (386 pages) for grades K - 12. Activities can be used inside or outdoors, and require little or no special equipment. Contact school for professional development credit approval. Minimum of 15 required for class. Fees vary according to other services provided. (2009)

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**Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc.  
3800 Struble Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45251/Landfill  
5535 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio/Recycling tours**

**Contact: Sara Cullin, Communication Coordinator  
Phone (513) 741-2617  
Fax (513) 741-5262  
E-mail address [sara.cullin@rumpke.com](mailto:sara.cullin@rumpke.com)  
Web Site: [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com)**

### **Outreach Programs**

Program Description-Recycling and landfill presentations are available for grades 4 and up. Presentations include a description of landfill construction, methane gas recovery, waste water control and landfill monitoring. We also discuss recycling including acceptable items, the process and importance of recycling.

### **At Your Facility**

We offer landfill tours for ages 5 and up. The tours last 45 minutes and occur from the comfort of Rumpke's tour bus or the group's bus. We show landfill construction, landfill gas to energy plants and storm water and waste water control. A company history and description of truck types is provided.

During recycling tours, guests are provided with a recycling overview presentation and then they are escorted through the processing facility where they can view how each material is processed.

### **Facilities**

Landfill is outdoors, recycling center is indoors. Restrooms are not available formally to the public. Facilities are not Handicapped or Wheelchair Accessible. There are many nearby restaurants and parks for lunch.  
\*Hard soled/covered shoes are required at the recycling facility.

### **For Outreach Programs and Programs and Tours at Your Facility:**

Landfill tours occur on Wednesdays only. Tours can be scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Programming conducted by staff. Age Suitability-Ages 5 and up for landfill tours and ages 13 and up for recycling tours. Length of Program-45 to 60 minutes

For landfill tours Rumpke offers transportation for up to 24 guests. No more than 3 buses at a time if group is providing its own transportation. At recycling groups of 10 guests work best. Chaperones must be compliant with state education policy. Visit the education section of [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) for pre-education material.

**Reservations - Thirty Days - No fees**

**Resources Available Online: [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com)**

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**Salato Wildlife Education Center  
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**

**#1 Sportsman's Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Contact: Laurie Davison, Branch Manager  
Phone: 502-564-7863 / 800-858-1549  
Fax: 502-564-2179  
Email: laurie.davison@ky.gov  
http://fw.ky.gov**

**Description:** Tours are self-guided unless otherwise advertized. School and group programs may be scheduled in advance online. With enough notice, a program can be tailored to address a particular unit of study or area of interest. Twice daily interpretive programs are offered on a walk-up basis. Scheduled public programs are listed in our Calendar of Events, available online. The Animal Tracks Audio Tour of the facility may be checked out free of charge at the admissions desk.

**Programs:** Salato includes both indoor and outdoor exhibits. Indoors, visitors can enjoy native reptiles, amphibians, fish, dioramas, and more. Outdoor exhibits include black bear, eagles, bobcats, elk and other native wildlife in large, natural enclosures. Exhibits of native plants and habitats, and short, "kid-friendly" trails for tots are found in the exhibit area. Away from the exhibits, Salato features an easy 1-mile nature trail and a longer, moderately strenuous, 3-mile day hiking trail, two fishing lakes, and a picnic area with shelters. The hiking trails, lakes, and picnic area are open dawn to dusk year-round.

**Facilities:** Handicapped or Wheelchair Accessible. Modern restrooms located at the Salato Center and the Picnic Area. Food available for purchase and/or brown bag welcome: drinks only are allowed within the exhibit area. Food is not available. Vending machines for soda, snacks, and fishing bait are located near the picnic shelters.

**Hours:** Open Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm. Saturdays, 10:00am - 5:00pm. Closed Sundays, Mondays, and all state holidays. Closed for the season from mid-December through mid-February. Hours available for programs or tour varies with weather and season. See our website for more details. Scheduled groups receive a 30-minute presentation, followed by Q&A. Weekend and daily interpretive programs vary in nature and timing. All ages welcome. 50 children per scheduled program. Self-guided tours have no size limit. Others will vary. 1 chaperone per every 10 children recommended. Several activities and scavenger hunts are available online.

Make reservations a minimum of 2 weeks in advance for programs. If arriving in April and May, plan at least one

month in advance. With the exception of some weekend programs, admission and activities are free of charge. Visitors may check out fishing poles and tackle or an audio tour free of charge at the Admissions desk. Scavenger hunts may also be requested. (2009)

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### **Sanitation District No.1 (SD1)**

**1045 Eaton Drive  
Ft. Wright, KY 41017**

**Contact: Witni Sztanyo, Education Coordinator  
Phone: 859-578-6764  
Email: wsztanyo@sd1.org**

#### **Description:**

Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) is responsible for the collection and treatment of Northern Kentucky's wastewater as well as regional storm water management. SD1 serves 33 communities in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties of Northern Kentucky.

#### **Storm Water Programs:**

**Storm Water Environmental Unit:** Available to 4th and 5th grade. School Districts may implement this easy to teach, five lesson unit that teaches students the importance of water quality by utilizing hands-on activities. Students will participate in a variety of activities ranging from constructing a mini-wetland to serving on a "Help Save the Birds" committee. SD1 has a SMART Board presentation developed for each of the five lessons if teachers would like to use technology to assist with the teaching of this unit. Schools who administer the curriculum receive a reduction on their school's storm water surcharge.

**Classroom Presentation:** Would you Swim Here? SD1 uses the storm water Enviroscope model to teach students the importance of water quality and Best Management Practices (BMPs). This interactive lesson demonstrates the cause and effect of storm water pollution. With five different areas of land development, the Enviroscope allows your students to see that just one person can make a drastic change in our environment – good or bad. Teachers may borrow the model or request a presentation facilitated by SD1 employee.

**Public Service Park Tours:** Let your students explore and experiment on the banks of Banklick Creek through

SD1's interactive, outdoor educational facility. Equipped with a field notebook, students will complete 10 missions as they follow the journey of a drop of water. The 10 missions introduce students to new technologies and environmental friendly methods of slowing down and treating storm water runoff. Features include a vegetated roof, wetland classroom, educational creek overlook and more.

**Storm Drain Stenciling:** By participating in the "save-a-stream" storm drain marking program, you and your students can be the solution to storm water pollution. Students can mark storm drains on school grounds or neighborhoods to help SD1 inform the public that all storm drains lead to local waterways. SD1 will provide a map of the area of interest to help locate storm drains and all other supplies for this project at no cost.

#### **Wastewater Programs:**

**Wastewater Lessons:** SD1 has a wastewater Envioscape model and associated lesson that helps depict what happens to water after we use it. The lesson is interactive and takes students step-by-step through the wastewater treatment process. Teachers may borrow the model or request a presentation facilitated by SD1 employee. Additional wastewater lessons can be found on SD1's website for teachers to print out and use throughout the year.

**Plant Tours:** Put classroom instruction to practical use as you tour the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. See how 36 million gallons of wastewater are treated every day as you explore everything from primary tanks to microbial-driven secondary tanks. Students will be able to see our professionals use school subjects like writing, math, science, reading, social studies, etc. to clean Northern Kentucky's wastewater. A great real-world application!

All programs, field trips and resources mentioned are free to teachers and students. For more information on SD1's educational programming visit us online [www.sd1.org](http://www.sd1.org). (2009)

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#### **Sierra Club Water Sentinels Program**

**Cumberland Chapter**  
**3078 Elmwood Drive**  
**Edgewood, KY 41017**

**Contact: Director**

**Phone: 859-426-1978 Fax: 859-572-1435 (call first)**

**Email: [tim.guifoile@sierraclub.org](mailto:tim.guifoile@sierraclub.org)**

**Hours: varied**

**Description:** The Sierra Club Water Sentinels program is a volunteer water quality monitoring program. Our mission is to collect data from local streams and to use this data to convince our local, state, and federal lawmakers to enforce water quality standards mandated by the Clean Water Act. The Sentinels also work closely with Northern Kentucky University to engage students in research associated with our monitoring programs and to engage students and volunteers in becoming water quality advocates.

**Programs Available:** Sentinel staff and volunteers offer free water quality training for volunteers who want to participate in our program. In addition to collecting data on local streams, the Sentinels try to engage monitoring volunteers into becoming advocates for the streams they monitor. All volunteers are provided with free test kits and a free t-shirt.

**Age Suitability:** Participants in our water quality monitoring program should be at least 15 years of age. Speaking engagements, however, can be suited for any age level.

**Outreach Program:** Sentinel staff is available to speak to any interested group about our water monitoring program, water quality advocacy, local and state water quality issues, and the Clean Water Act. All speaking engagements are free of charge; however, please notify Heather Mayfield as far in advance as possible.

**Programming Facilities:** Water quality volunteers are trained at local streams. Volunteers who sign up to participate in the program will be provided with this information. (2009)

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## Split Rock Conservation Park

4503 Belleview Road  
Petersburg, KY 41080

**Contact:** Mark J. Jacobs

**Phone:** 859-689-9999

**E-mail:** [mjacobs@splitrockpark.org](mailto:mjacobs@splitrockpark.org)

**Web:** [www.splitrockpark.org](http://www.splitrockpark.org)

**Hours:** By appointment

**Description:** 165-acre private park offering outdoor educational programs focused on local conservation.

**Programs:** Ecology, geology, and archaeology programs are available and can customize programs to suit specific needs. An outreach program is planned for the future. The staff conducts the programming. The length of the programs range from 2-3 hours with class limits of 25 and, at times, may be able to work with a slightly larger group. One chaperone per six students is required. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.

**Fees:** Fees are payable at the visit and chaperones are free.

**Facilities:** Indoor and outdoor. Restrooms consist of Port-O-Lets. No handicapped or wheelchair facilities are available. No food is available. Brown bags are welcome. Pre-visit materials are available. (2009)

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## Sunrock Farm

103 Gibson Lane  
Wilder, KY 41076-9703

**Contact:** Frank Traina

**Phone:** 859-781-5502

**Email:** [email@sunrockfarm.org](mailto:email@sunrockfarm.org)

**Web:** [www.sunrockfarm.org](http://www.sunrockfarm.org)

**Description:** An 88-acre farm, built in 1848, which has been working with children since 1982. Farm activities include gathering chicken eggs, milking goats, planting and harvesting vegetables, feeding and watering animals, seasonal farm activities like sheep sheering, pioneer tours, pottery making, cheese making and hayrides. Replica of a Native American village is present on the farm. Summer

day camp has 7 week-long sessions for ages 5-11 years which run from 9:30AM-2:30PM. Opportunities are also available for pre-k ages 4-5 and youth ages 11-13. German, Spanish, and French language camps also are available.

**Programs:** Educational Farm Tours. Special programs include: Pioneer, genetics, ecology, fiber, dairy, maple syrup, vineyard and German heritage programs. Farm birthday parties. Visits to your facility can be arranged. Call for rates. Programs include activities centered on live animals (smaller animals) and hands-on activities. Programs are conducted by staff and are suitable for all ages. School tours are 2-4 hours long. Birthday parties – 3 hours long with a 2-hour farm tour and 1-hour party. The facility is open all year, rain or shine. There is no class size limit. Reservations are required for all programs and tours. Brochures describing programs can be sent. Other programs include a pumpkin patch and Santa visits.

**Fees:** School and larger groups: \$7.00 each (\$140.00 minimum). Teachers pay \$1.00, chaperones pay a student rate. A \$70.00 deposit is required for birthday parties, scouts, and other non-school groups. Some scholarship funds are available to qualifying schools. Family tours are available at a rate of \$7.00 per person for a weekday or weekend tour. Hayrides are \$10.00 per person (\$200.00 minimum). This 3-4 hour time includes a hayride, small farm tour and campfire if desired.

**Facilities:** Indoor and outdoor. Heated rooms available. Port-O-Lets with three wheelchair accessible restrooms are present on the farm. Paths are gravel and accessible for most people with disabilities. No food service is available. Brown bags are welcome. A picnic shelter is available. (2009)

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## Center for Ohio River Research & Education Thomas More College Biology Field Station

8309 Mary Ingles Highway (Route 8)  
California, Ky 41007

**Web:** [www.thomasmore.edu/fieldstation](http://www.thomasmore.edu/fieldstation)

**Contact:** Chris N. Lorentz, Ph.D. or Olivia Lantry

**Email:** [fieldstation@thomasmore.edu](mailto:fieldstation@thomasmore.edu)

**Phone:** 859-635-6941 (Lab)  
859-344-3373 (Office)

**Description:** The Thomas More College Biology Field Station, home of the Center for Ohio River Research & Education, is a 50-acre research, teaching and residential facility located along the banks of the Ohio River in Campbell County, KY. The Station is the former site of



Lock and Dam 35 (located 17 river miles up from Cincinnati). This site includes state-of-the-art teaching and research labs, a classroom, a museum, seven residential structures, a maintenance building, a nature trail, a fleet of research boats, and access to nearby streams and ponds.

**Programs:** The Biology Field Station offers students of all ages and opportunities to enhance their knowledge of the natural world through field courses, research projects, and outreach programs that focus on the ecology of the Ohio River. Students and faculty at the Center work on a diverse array of projects and initiatives, including research projects involving water quality of the Ohio River and surrounding tributaries. The outreach programs include:

- day-long field trips for grade schools and other groups such as scouts and environmental clubs.
- week-long science camps for high schools
- and summer courses/workshops for science teachers.

The mission of the Station is to educate and engage visitors about the Ohio River ecosystem and surrounding watershed, and empower students to make a positive impact on the River and surrounding environment. (2009)

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**Kentucky Division of Waste Management  
Department for Environmental Protection**

**14 Reilly Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Phone: 502-564-6716 Fax: 502-564-4049**

**Division of Waste Management  
Florence Field Office  
8020 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 110  
Florence, KY 41042  
Phone: 859-292-6411**

**Description:** Offer assistance in organizing community volunteer cleanups and setting up community recycling programs. Information on Kentucky Buy Recycled Alliance. (2009)

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**Wild Birds In Northern Kentucky, Inc. (WINK)**

**P. O. Box 315  
Union, KY 41091**

**Contact: Ginger Rood, 859-384-4022  
E-mail [wildbirdsinnky@gmail.com](mailto:wildbirdsinnky@gmail.com)**

**Description:** WINK is dedicated to the care and well-being of wild birds in Northern Kentucky. We provide rehabilitative care for injured, ill or orphaned wild birds with the goal of returning them back to the wild.

**Programs:** Can only be considered in late fall or winter after the birds are finished nesting. Baby birds require intense care and equipment with frequent feedings up to fifty times a day or more. Ill or injured adult birds are admitted throughout the year. Many times a problem concerning wild birds can be solved with a phone call and I will be happy to help. (2009)

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