



Kingfisher Courier

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APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

AAS Program | September 20 at 6:30 pm

Raven Ridge Wildlife Center, Native PA Species



To help us celebrate the start of the Appalachian Audubon program year, Raven Ridge Wildlife Center will bring native PA animals from their rehabilitation center in Washington Boro, PA. Meet the mammals, birds, and reptiles that share our backyards! Learn to appreciate and live in harmony with some of these amazing creatures.

Raven Ridge offers rehabilitation services for native birds and mammals. Although their facilities are not open to the public, they accept wild animal drop-offs by appointment.

Raven Ridge Wildlife Center was founded in 2015 by Tracie Young, who currently serves as the director and rehabilitator. Tracie holds permits from the PA

Game Commission, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and US Fish and Wildlife Service that allows the organization to provide wildlife rehabilitation services and wildlife education programs.

Every year, Raven Ridge rehabilitates nearly 2000 animals and provides homes to several non-releasable animals. All the services of this volunteer organization are funded by the community.

Join us at 6:30 pm for refreshments and socializing. Announcements will begin shortly before 7:00 pm and will be followed by the evening program. Note: This program starts 30 minutes earlier than usual to enable families with young children to attend.

Fall Native Plant Sale

On Saturday, September 22, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, Appalachian Audubon will hold a Native Plant Sale in conjunction with Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse. Kim Patten, who manages the greenhouse, and knowledgeable Audubon volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and help you find the best plants for your yard. AAS will receive a portion of the day's profits in support of the mission of the chapter.

Why natives? Planting natives contributes to the biological diversity of the natural world that surrounds your home. These plants support the insects needed by the songbirds we want to attract to our yards. Because they are adapted to growing conditions in Pennsylvania, native plants shouldn't require fertilizer or additional water after they are established.

The Wilderness Greenhouse & Native Plant Nursery is a unique greenhouse that not only provides native perennials, but also serves as a vocational training site for at-risk youth. As a teaching nursery, it offers students the opportunity to learn valuable skills, gain workplace experience, and deepen their understanding of the relationships in the world around them.

The Wilderness Greenhouse is at 571 Mountain Road in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Take Route 174 west past Allenberry Resort, toward Boiling Springs. Turn left (south) onto Bucher Hill Road. At the south end of Children's Lake turn left onto Mountain Road and cross the one lane bridge. Continue about two miles to the sign for the Wilderness Center and Greenhouse. Turn left onto the dirt road and follow the signage for another two miles. Turn right up the hill, after the ropes course; the greenhouse and plant sale will be on the left.

For more information, go to <http://www.diakon.org/youth-services/services/greenhouse-program/>. Bring your binoculars; there is good birding in the forest that surrounds the greenhouse. See you there!



Birding Chestnut Grove for Early Fall Migrants

Chestnut Grove Natural Area in southern Lancaster County can offer some different birds during the late summer/early fall migration. We will attempt to find Bobolinks, Sora, Virginia Rail, and early fall warblers. Last year Dickcissels bred in the area and a Red-necked Phalarope arrived in late summer.

Participants should register with Rick Price at 717-657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net.



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Birdseed Sale

Most of you know that AAS's annual birdseed sale is typically our biggest fundraiser each year. Historically the birdseed sale required a major outlay of funds and many hours of labor from our dedicated volunteers. Long-time members saw a major change in how we conducted the birdseed sale in 2017, when we partnered with the Agway stores on the east and west shores. Members could go to either store throughout the month of November to purchase birdseed and feeders at special AAS prices.

The AAS Board, Birdseed Sale Committee, and Agway owners considered the change to be a success. It greatly reduced the labor and monetary outlay associated with past birdseed sales, provided more flexibility as to when members could pick up their birdseed, was more convenient for Agway, and brought a similar amount of profit to the chapter. We would like to do it again in 2018, with the following minor changes:

- The birdseed sale/fundraiser will be held during the months of November and December;
- The order form will be redesigned to show three categories: items available at both stores, items available only at Davis Country Living in Mechanicsburg, and items available only at Hanoverdale Agway;
- Members will receive a 25% discount on all bird feeders and bird feeding accessories if they purchase a minimum of \$25 of birdseed or a 40-pound bag of birdseed;

We will email birdseed order forms to our membership in October, and they will be available at the October, November and December AAS program meetings. In addition, we will be asking for volunteers to be at both Agway stores on Saturdays in November and December to hand out order forms to potential walk-in customers. When you go to Agway to purchase your birdseed, please consider shopping for other items at our partners' stores.

We hope that you found the new birdseed sale format to be more flexible and convenient, and we look forward to our 2018 birdseed sale and fundraiser to be even more successful! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact John Latsha at 717-982-1141 or email him at jlat1965@gmail.com. We will have sign-up sheets at our program meetings this fall.

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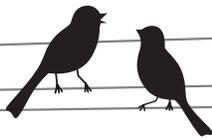
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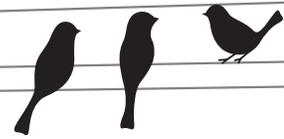
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President's Perch



“I grew in my knowledge of the natural world as well as in my leadership skills. [The] activities have shaped me to become a better leader.”

— Elizabeth Aichele

These quotes illustrate the themes of growth and leadership running through the letters Appalachian Audubon received from young people telling us about their experiences at environmental education camps, which they attended with the help of AAS scholarships. They shared descriptions of activities that pushed them beyond their comfort zone, helped them grow, and developed their ability to lead. One young camper vividly described clinging to a rope on the cliff at Pole Steeple in Pine Grove Furnace State Park, which made me recall a similar learning experience I had 40 years ago.

Appalachian Audubon scholarships make life-changing experiences possible and lead teens to develop world views that include recognizing the impact of their decisions on the environment. Campers are learning leadership skills that will help them extend their environmental ethic through the circles of their friends and communities.

Take time to read the letters on pages 4 and 5 of the newsletter. Reflect on what events shaped your appreciation of the natural world and led you toward joining Appalachian Audubon. Let the experiences and energy of these youth encourage you to do what they are doing — share the love of the natural world with friends and community and help prioritize the environment in decisions we make as individuals and as a society.

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— Julia Strine



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Plants available at the sale are listed on the Diakon website. Go to <http://www.diakon.org/youth-services/services/greenhouse-program> and click on Our Inventory.

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For more details check the web-site listed above. We hope to see you there!

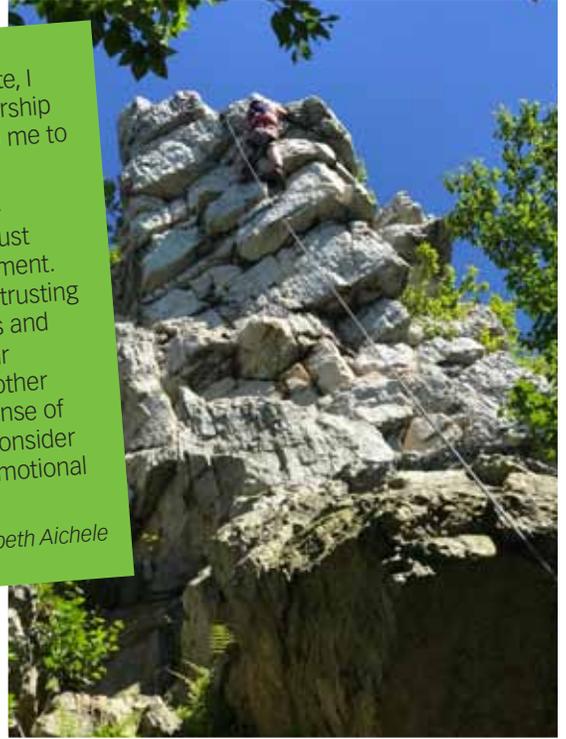


Letters From Goddard Leadership Legacy Participants

Through my experience at the Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute, I grew in my knowledge of the natural world as well as in my leadership skills. This camp held quite a few activities that I feel have shaped me to become a better leader.

The first day, the group went rock climbing which was truly a life-changing experience. If you were climbing, you had to learn to trust everyone who was belaying you, as well as the ropes and equipment. However, one of the hardest parts was trusting yourself. At first, trusting was difficult, but it came easier as I scaled the two easier climbs and eventually embarked onto the hardest one. This climb was by far the most difficult because my strength was worn out from the other climbs. But, with encouragement from others and my strong sense of perseverance, I made it to the top! This is one activity I would consider life-changing because it required me to find the physical and emotional strength to go on and accomplish my goal.

— Elizabeth Aichele



I had a great time with this leadership group. The people there all seemed to be interested in the same things I am. Some of the things we did really forced me to go outside of my comfort zone. I really feel like I became a better leader throughout the week. Some of the challenges required me to push myself really hard. When we were mountain biking, I tried to go up every hill, I might not have made it up every hill successfully, but at least I tried. I really would like to thank the Appalachian Audubon Society for giving me this scholarship. At first, I was sure I wasn't going to be able to go, but then I was super excited when I got the news that I got a scholarship. Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I learned a lot.

— Anthony Cassell



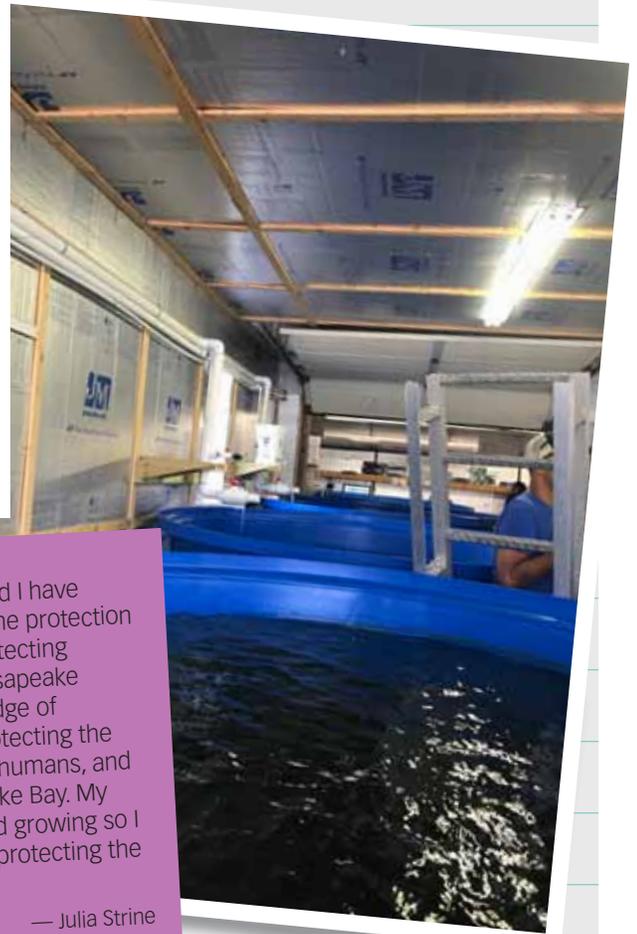


I've attended this camp for three years now, and this year was my last. I have and will take away a lot of things from Goddard. We learned all kinds of ways to help the Bay, and also how to boost each other up and for us all to be a leader in some way.

We learned how planting native plants is key to diversity ... we went crab fishing, and learned about oysters and how they filter water.

Overall, throughout the whole week and the years prior, we learned and focused on one main thing: We are all connected to the Bay. Many think that's not true, but headwaters play a very important role in the health of the Bay. Taking action with your headwaters and being your own leader can help you increase the health of the Bay. I learned a lot from this camp and am very grateful to have gotten the opportunity.

— Abby Banks



I have learned so much in my last three years of camp, and I have become a better leader and a more active participant in the protection of our environment. I have realized the importance of protecting our local headwaters since everything flows into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. I also look forward to sharing my knowledge of preservation with others around me. I am certain that protecting the Bay and the environment is important to the wildlife, the humans, and the habitats that are part of, and surround, the Chesapeake Bay. My main goal is to put forth my efforts and keep learning and growing so I can continue to make a positive impact in restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

— Julia Strine

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Except for the December program and the May banquet, AAS monthly programs take place on the third Thursday of each month at the **Christ Presbyterian Church** located at 421 Deerfield Road, in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill. Join us at 7:00 pm for socializing and refreshments. The program begins at 7:30 pm.

DIRECTIONS

I-83 southbound — take exit 40B towards New Cumberland. Stay straight, cross Carlisle Road to Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.

I-83 northbound — take exit 40B, turn left onto Carlisle Road/Simpson Ferry Road and go under I-83. Turn left again at the light onto Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.



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One-pound bags of medium-roast coffee will be available as whole bean and ground for \$10 per lb.

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AAS MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

AAS Annual Banquet ...

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