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# March E-Newsletter

## “Using Traps to Control Wildlife”

On February 13, 2005 the ELC hosted Paul Murray of the Western Pennsylvania Trapper's Association. Paul brought various animal furs with him and discussed the techniques of trapping each animal. He also brought many different types of traps and talked of the benefits of each. He then showed a video called “Destroying the Myth” about the safe leg-hold trap, which is the most humane way to trap an animal. The overall turnout was very successful and the program was enjoyed by all.



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**Friday, March 18** at  
8:00 p.m. **through**  
**Sunday, March 20** at  
4:00 p.m.

## Outdoor Leadership Weekend Workshop at the ELC !!!

Do you lead trips for friends and groups? Would you like to? The Outdoor Leadership workshop is the perfect way to improve your leadership skills in the field while having fun doing it. This full weekend course mixes skill-training and fun. The curriculum is based on that used by the Appalachian Mountain Club and the National Outdoor Leadership School. They cover a lot of material in the classroom and with practical role-playing scenarios.

### **Topics include:**

- \* leadership styles
- \* group dynamics
- \* trip planning
- \* risk management
- \* other important trip leader skills

### **Location:** ELC

**Time:** 8:00 PM Fri.- 4:00 PM Sun.

**Cost:** \$25.00 member/\$25.00  
non-member

**Organization:** Venture Outdoors

To Register Please Call Venture Outdoors at: (412) 255-0564

Do you enjoy gardening or need some tips to get started? Attend a few of these classes, sponsored by the Penn State Cooperative Extension of Armstrong County. They take place on **Thursday, March 10** and **Thursday, March 17** at the ELC. The cost is **\$3.00 per class** or **\$10.00 per day**. Please contact the Extension office for registration.



Thursday, March 10, 2005

6:00 p.m. Groundcover for Sun & Shade  
Or Growing Leafy Greens

6:45 p.m. Planting Shade Trees  
Or Soil Management

7: 30 p.m. Pruning Trees for Health  
Or Getting Started with Cut Flowers

8:15 p.m. Safe Use of Pesticides in  
Vegetable & Flower Gardens



Thursday, March 17, 2005

6:00 p.m. Foundation Landscaping

6:45 p.m. Seed Starting Techniques & Proper Supplies

7: 30 p.m. Pick the Right Plant: Confessions of a Plant Junkie

8:15 p.m. Herbs

**To Register For Classes Please Contact:**

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in Armstrong County  
124 Armsdale Road  
Suite 112  
Kittanning, PA 16201

Phone (724) 548-3447  
Fax (724) 545-3602  
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## Our Donation Tree is Finally Here!

An official Thank-You goes out to Armstrong School District, Rick Burns of West Shamokin High School, and all who helped to make our beautiful donation tree. We hope to have different colored leaves for different levels of donations. Please contact the ELC if you are interested in making a donation to have a leaf on the donation tree.



## Lend A Hand At The ELC Work Weekend!



On April 8th and 9th, the ELC will hold it's annual Work Weekend to clean up the facility. Please join us to help keep the ELC spic and span. We have both indoor and outdoor work that needs to be done so come one, come all to the ELC Work Weekend! Items to bring are any and all lawn and garden tools. Also, please bring an item of food to share. We will begin on Friday, April 8th at 5:00 p.m. and you are welcome to sleep over. Saturday, April 9th we will be working until 5:00 p.m. So come on out and lend a hand...or two!



<p>Ms. Suzanne Boarts Penn State Cooperative Extension</p>		<p>Ms. Pam Meade Cowanshannock/ Crooked Creek Watershed Associations</p>
<p>Mr. James Bonner Audubon Society of Western PA</p>		<p>Mr. Dave Rupert Armstrong Conservation District</p>
<p>Dr. Stan J. Chapp Freeport Area School District</p>	<p><b>Steering Committee Members</b></p>	<p>Dr. Larry Pollock Penn State New Kensington</p>
<p>Mr. Gary L. Gilmore PA DCNR</p>		<p>Ms. Dawn Kocher-Taylor Lenape Area Vo-Tech School</p>
<p>Dr. Frank J. Garritano Armstrong School District</p>	<p>Mr. John Kocon</p>	<p>Ms. Holly Travis Indiana University of PA</p>
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<p>Ms. Karen Hulse Leechburg Area School District</p>	<p>Dr. Tom Lord Indiana University of PA</p>	<p>Mr. Allan Walzak StrongLand Chamber of Commerce</p>
<p>Dr. William Kerr Armstrong School District</p>	<p>Ms. Betsy Mallison PA DEP</p>	<p>Mr. Sam Swick Armstrong Educational Trust Board</p>

## MARCH 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <small>ELC Steering Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.</small>	5
6	7	8	9	10 <small>Penn State Extension Gardening Classes</small>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <small>Penn State Extension Gardening Classes Happy St. Patrick's Day!</small>	18 <small>Venture Outdoors Leadership Weekend</small>	19 <small>Venture Outdoors Leadership Weekend</small>
20 <small>Venture Outdoors Leadership Weekend</small>	21	22 <small>AET Board Meeting at 11:30 a.m.</small>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."**  
*- Lewis Grizzard*