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## JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### Need Act 48 Credits? Call The ELC Today!

**August 9th– Project Wet**– Description can be found at [www.projectwet.org/](http://www.projectwet.org/). (Full day, 6 Act 48 hours) Fee is \$15 including the book. Sponsored by The Office of Environment and Ecology, PDE and DEP.

**August 10th– Project Wild**– Description can be found at [www.projectwild.org/](http://www.projectwild.org/). (Full day, 6 Act 48 hours) Fee is \$15 including the book. Sponsored by PA Game Commission and DEP.

**August 11th– PA Songbird**– This is a new hands-on curriculum supplement that contains background information and activities on topics including song-bird biology, observations and identification, habitat, migration, monitoring and research, people and birds and action for songbirds. Fee is \$30 including the book. This is a joint project of DCNR, Bureau of State Parks, The PA Audubon Society, and the PA Game Commission. Sponsored by DEP.

The cost is only \$55 if you take all three workshops. Times are 8:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. Fees include lunch here at the ELC. Directions can be found on our website at [www.crookedcreekelc.org](http://www.crookedcreekelc.org). Space is limited so register today!

#### Special points of interest:

- 3 Act 48 Workshops being offered at the ELC
- Free Sunday Program called Salamanders of PA
- Career T.R.A.C.K. workers are cleaning up the ELC
- ELC Donation Tree
- Goodbye Harmony
- Calendar of Events



### FREE Sunday Program on August 14th!

The ELC is pleased to host Terry Laux on Sunday, August 14th at 2:00 p.m. for a program called **Salamanders of Pennsylvania**. This presentation is FREE to the public and we encourage you to come and learn something new with your family. Don't miss out on an exciting program on a Sunday afternoon.

## The ELC Grounds Crew

This Summer, we are very pleased to have two workers from the Career T.R.A.C.K. Work Program with us. April Schreckengost, 17 of Belknap and Kristina Slee, 18 of Templeton have been working with us since the beginning of June and will remain until mid-August. The girls have been keeping busy doing all sorts of projects and getting the ELC in order. They are in charge of changing the garbage cans and refilling the paper towels daily and along with Harmony, they take care of the mowing, trimming, and weeding of the flowerbeds and walkways. They have even given every bench, birdhouse, and picnic table a fresh coat of paint. If you get a chance, stop out at the ELC to see how great the place looks. You will probably find Harmony, Kristina, and April mowing, painting, or weeding. Thanks girls for all of your hard work. We sure will miss you when you are gone!



## ELC Donation Tree Fundraiser

If you make a donation to the ELC of \$100 or more, you will get your own personalized leaf! The ELC is a wonderful organization that promotes resource stewardship and environmental education. Unlike state or county parks, the ELC is not supported directly by tax dollars and must rely on grants, user fees, donations, and sponsors to sustain operation. Donation benefits include an engraved leaf on our Donation Tree, a monthly e-newsletter, and Official ELC T-Shirt, and most importantly the pride and satisfaction that comes from helping to improve environmental and resource conservation and the quality of life in our community.

Bronze Leaf	\$100.00- \$249.00
Silver Leaf	\$250.00- \$499.00
Gold Leaf	\$500.00 - \$999.00
Founda- tion Stone	\$1000.00 and up



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## Goodbye Everyone!

Greetings to all!

The time has come for me to move on as my Americorps days are quickly coming to an end. It seems like only yesterday that I began working at the ELC. It is crazy how fast the time has gone. I would like to thank Dennis, Dawn, Mindy, and Robin for giving me guidance and independence during the past year. I would also like to thank everyone on the ELC Steering Committee for their continued support. I will always remember the wonderful experience that I had at the ELC through the Americorps program. I will hold these memories close to my heart. I am enrolled and will begin classes at Westmoreland County Community College this fall majoring in Communication Design. This is my last newsletter that I am writing for you, and I would just like to say **Thank You** for giving me the opportunity to work at such a beautiful place.



Sincerely, Harmony L. Ritchie

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 ELC Steering Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	6
7	8	9 Act 48 Workshop: Project Wet	10 Act 48 Workshop: Project Wild	11 Act 48 Workshop: PA Songbird	12	13
14 Terry Laux presents Salamanders of PA: 2 p.m.	15 * Look	16 For Our	17 Booth	18 At The	19 Dayton	20 Fair *
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