



Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts

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2009 Youth Conservation Workshop

Memo: County Conservation Districts

It is time to contact the schools/organizations in your district/county for prospective students to attend the 2009 AACD Youth Conservation Workshop.

The Youth Conservation Workshop will begin on Sunday, June 7, 2009 and conclude Friday, June 12, 2009. The workshop will be headquartered at Camp Clearfork Campgrounds near Mt. Ida, West of Hot Springs, AR.

Due in part to a generous grant from The Arkansas Natural Resource Commission the cost to attend the camp will be \$75.00 per student. This fee will be paid for by the Local County Conservation District. There is a maximum accommodation of 35 campers for the 2009 session. This will be a first come/first serve basis. **Participants will be selected based on the following; age, academic year and the date application is received. Multiple participants from the same district/county will only be considered if the camp has not reached capacity. Important, any high school student going into grades 9th-12th is eligible to apply.**

A \$25.00 refundable fee will be requested from the student attending. Once the student has attended camp, the district will return the fee. If the student does not attend camp, the district may keep or return the fee to their discretion. The District Office will be notified if their sponsored student does not attend camp. It is also suggested that once a student attends camp, they are invited to attend the next board meeting with a quick discussion of their activities and conservation education learned while attending camp.

Another exciting aspect to mention to prospective workshop participants is the possibility of winning a \$500 scholarship. There will be three (3) \$500 scholarships sponsored by AACD (2) and the Razorback Chapter of Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Society (1). One of the AACD scholarships is named in honor of Shane Stauffer, a past youth counselor.

Enclosed with this memo is the Application Form, which consists of the Medical Form, Release of Liability, Conservation District Checklist, Rules and Participation Guidelines Form and a "What to Bring" list. Each student should complete the forms and have them signed by the parent or guardian. This is required in order to participate. **The signed forms must be returned no later than May 1, 2009 to ANRC Attention: Gina Wilson. Faxed copies will not be accepted.**

The Education Coordinators for the Youth Conservation Workshop are Brandy Gardner (Poinsett County) 870-578-2444 or Carolyn Holcomb (Jackson County) 870-523-8986 or Gina Wilson (ANRC State Office) 501-682-3953. Please contact one of them if you have questions regarding the workshop.