



47<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Youth Environmental  
Conference

Twin Falls State  
Park

October 7-9, 2022

- A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come first-served basis.** · All participants wanting to attend the conference can request to send two members between the ages of 13 and 18 and one chaperone at no charge. There is a possibility that additional scholarships may be available; however, it is not guaranteed. Please contact me at [annette.l.hoskins@wv.gov](mailto:annette.l.hoskins@wv.gov) for authorization.
- Be sure to complete the reservation form as soon as possible as the scholarships will go quickly.
  - All participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference.

**To register for the Youth Conference, click on this link:** <https://forms.gle/sjE33CPDnMNxfVtw8>

**Additional youth participants and adult chaperones are welcome to attend at the cost of \$200 each. Please make checks payable to the: Department of Environmental Protection or DEP.**

**The deadline for receiving reservations is 3 pm, Wednesday, September 21, 2022.**

- Twin Falls requires the list of all conference participants by this date.
- A limited number of rooms are available. Rooms that are not used will be released on September 21. · Reservations will be accepted after September 21 only if rooms are still available at Twin Falls State Park.

**Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, chaperones included, depending on room type. Preference of roommates must be listed on the reservation form.**

- No room changes will be made upon arrival.
- All participants must be pre-registered; no walk-ins will be accepted.

**Permission slip, release form, photo consent and conference rules will be sent with your confirmation.**

- Attendance at this conference confirms an agreement to abide by all conference rules.
- The permission slip, release form and photo consent form must be signed by the parent/guardian and by the participant and must be received by September 30. Faxed copies are unacceptable. Original forms with original signatures are needed.
- Participants cannot attend the Saturday tour without the original signed release forms.

**Environmental activities are scheduled Friday evening, October 7 beginning at 5 p.m.** ·  
Tentative activities include arts and crafts and environmental education information.

**Dinner will be served Friday at 7 pm**

- The conference convenes at 7:45 pm
- At 8 pm, a representative from West Virginia University Tech will present a program on the school and speak about their engineering studies.
- Door prizes and games will follow the presentation.

**An idea swap will be featured Friday evening.**

- Each youth group represented at the conference is invited to give a three-minute report of their community environmental project(s).
- If you have handouts, be sure to bring copies. If you need copies made of your handout, please let someone know at registration on Friday.
- The report must be given by a youth.
- **Important**: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be participating in the idea swap.

**Breakfast buffets on Saturday and Sunday will be served at 7:30 am in the Twin Falls Restaurant.**

**Departing at 8 am, tour sites for Saturday, October 8, include the Raleigh County Recycling Center and Landfill and the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine and Youth Museum.**

- Transportation will be provided by Wyoming County school buses.
- Lunch will be provided at the Raleigh County Recycling Center.

**Dinner is scheduled for Saturday at 5:30 pm in the Twin Falls Restaurant.**

- After dinner, a representative from DEP's Division of Mining and Reclamation will give a presentation.

**Create an art project from recyclable materials using the theme "What's Beneath the Surface?"**

- Be prepared to describe your art project and its environmental qualities.
- Art projects will be displayed and judged Saturday night. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday morning.
- **Important**: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be making an art project.

**On-site activities will take place from 8 pm – 10 pm Saturday.**

- An environmental escape room, swimming and board games will be available.

**Leaders from the Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Natural Resources will welcome all conference participants on Friday and will remain through Sunday.** · All participants are required to attend the entire conference, beginning Friday evening through adjournment on Sunday morning.

- Parents will assume responsibility for all damages caused by conference participants.

Sincerely,



Annette Hoskins, Program Manager  
Youth Environmental Program