

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday, June 14 @ 7:00 PM, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Pizza and Pop will be provided!! There was no May meeting due to the Get-Together.

In the News!

Check out the two recently published newspaper articles regarding the bat hibernaculum at Goff Station. Both articles can be found online. The Pittsburgh Post Gazette published an article entitled "Making a Place For Bats" by Don Hopey on Monday, May 14. The Tribune Review published another article entitled "Going Batty" by Larry Sanata on Thursday, May 10. Also, WPXI Channel 11 local news broadcasted a segment on the bat hibernaculum which aired Monday, May 14. We have received many wonderful comments. The bat hibernaculum is an "outgrowth" of the Growing Greener project to passively treat abandoned mine drainage. **Thanks to Quality Aggregates for donating materials, equipment, and manpower. Thank you to WPXI Channel 11 local news, Tribune Review, Larry Sanata, the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, and Don Hopey for taking the time to look at the Goff Station bat habitat project.**

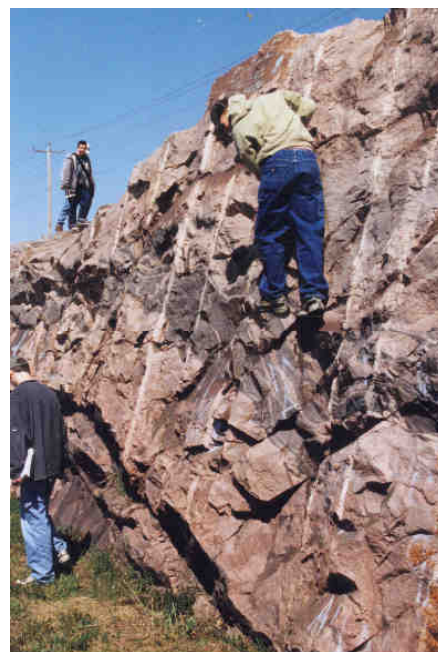

 Where to find the articles on the World Wide Web:
 Go to www.postgazette.com and search for the article by the title, "Making a Place for Bats" & Go to <http://library.triblive.com/interconnect/intercon.dll> and search

Slippery Rock University's Earth Day Celebration

Slippery Rock held a week-long celebration in honor of Earth Day (April 19th). Over 200 high school students came from all over the area to partake in the earth friendly festivities. There were exhibition booths, workshops, and live music! **Shaun Busler** manned the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition booth while **Cliff Denholm**, an SRU graduate, facilitated a workshop which gave an overview of passive treatment technologies. **The SRU Earth Day project was excellent and thanks to Cliff and Shaun for representing the SRWC!!**

Geological Field Tour

In April, **Valentine and Galena Kefeli** attended a three day geological expedition, with students of Slippery Rock University. On the field tour Valentine studied the geological history of the area and explained soil formation in the Appalachian region. In the photo to the left are several Slippery Rock University Students studying a rock outcrop, "up close and personal."



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A Look at the DeSale Restoration Area from the air. Phase I is in the foreground and Phase II is center left.

Helicopter Tour at De Sale Restoration Area

Senator Mary Jo White; Representative Sam Smith; Acting Secretary of DEP, Dave Hess; and President of Amerikohl Mining, Inc., John Stilley toured the watershed on 05/17/01 via helicopter!!!! They viewed Chernicky (Able-Dreshman), North Liberty, and active mining sites from the air. They landed and took a walking tour of the De Sale Restoration Area with **Tim Danehy, Margaret Dunn, and Cliff Denholm**. Thanks to all for taking the time to stop out and especially for taking some wonderful aerial pictures of the watershed. An account of their trip appears in the Secretary's Scrapbook (05/23/01) on the PADEP website at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/hess> and click on the Secretary's Scrapbook and follow the links to find

Girl Scout Troop Constructs Bluebird Boxes

Junior Girl Scout Troop 653 from West Sunbury constructed bluebird boxes with the guidance of **Chip Brunst of the PA Game Commission**. **Robert Beran of Aq-uascape** assisted the members of **Troop 653**, and troop leaders **Deb Bowser and Marian Hall**, with the installation of the nest-boxes at the Goff Station Restoration Area on March 3rd. The girl scouts plan to continue visiting the Goff Station Restoration Area to monitor the bluebird boxes, which will provide additional habitat opportunities on the site. **Many thanks to Troop 653 for their help and hard work!!!!**



The Kids Catalyst

Word Jumble



Place the highlighted letters in the boxes to the left in order from 1-5 to spell a word (read the definitions for clues).

1. LND¹AWTE²

2. DACI³

3. TBA⁴

MEIN 4.

MSTAER 5.

IREVR 6.

1. Noun, swamps or marshes, especially as an area preserved for wildlife.
2. Noun, a sour substance or a substance with a low pH
3. Noun, a flying mammal
4. Noun, where coal or other minerals are removed from the earth
5. Noun, a flow of running water along the earth's surface, a small river
6. Noun, a natural flow of water larger than a creek which empties into another body of water.

Remember to mail in the completed word jumble to receive a dollar discount at McDonald's or other local restaurants.
Mail to: Stream Restoration, Inc., 3016 Unionville Rd., Cranberry, Twp., PA 16066



Kid News Corner

If you belong to an organization and want your group to participate in restoration activities, there is always work to be done. Wetland plantings are coming up and help is needed. Contact Stream Restoration Incorporated for more information. You might even get your picture in the Catalyst!

The SRWC "Get-Together"

The kids had a wild and wonderful time with the Piñatas .



Feeding Frenzy



"I'm gonna git it"



Whack the fish, get the candy!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Get-Together. A good time was had by all and we cannot wait until next year. Maybe we'll have to bring some safety goggles for protection from all the flying candy. **A special thanks to Quality Aggregates for their donations and all their help.** Everyone had lots of food, lots of fun, and we hope to see everyone next year. Special thanks to **Mark and Gloria DeMatteis** for the wonderful time.

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