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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

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Junior Conservation Boards

What is a Junior Board?

- A group of middle or high school students with an interest in conservation, agriculture or the environment.
- Students that have a future interest in holding an elected position on a conservation district board.



Why start a Junior Board?

- Expand volunteer base (get stuff done!)
- Encourage confidence, leadership, responsibility and compassion.
- Represent the youth voice
- Recruit the next generation of conservation district leaders

- Expand outreach
- Showcase your district
- “Built In” Envirothon team



Building A Junior Board

- Recruitment & Contacts:
  - Previous programs
  - Social media, e-newsletter
  - 4-H, FFA, environmental clubs
  - Cattlemen's and Farm Bureau
- Membership:
  - Applications
  - References
  - Age and county requirement



Now Recruiting
Junior Board Members
for the Boone County Conservation District

The Junior Board will work alongside the Boone County Conservation District Board of Supervisors and staff to promote the wise use and protection of natural resources through education and service to the citizens of Boone County. Junior Board members are volunteers and will conduct regular meetings, participate in stewardship projects, and gain valuable career and leadership skills.

School Year 2022-2023

Job Duties

- Participate in monthly meetings during the 2022 - 2023 school year
- Assist Conservation District staff with field work, wildlife research, forestry studies, and other conservation projects
- Work as a team to develop new conservation programs
- Represent the Boone County Conservation District at public events

Requirements

- Be a high school student, at least 16 years old before the end of the school year, live in Boone County or be enrolled in a Boone County public, private, or home high school
- Have the ability to attend monthly evening meetings and occasional weekend programs
- Show enthusiasm for nature and taking care of the environment
- Have the ability to act as a responsible and reliable member of a team, demonstrate strong communication skills

To Apply: Visit http://bccdky.org/junior-board/

Applications are due August 19, 2022

Boone County Conservation District www.bccdky.org 6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington, KY 41005

GETTING STARTED

- Energetic staff!
- Recruit a board member to help!
- Advertising
- Contact schools: public, private & home school sector
- Use outside agencies
- Parent involvement
- District social media



How KY's Junior Boards got started







ACTIVITIES

- Meetings
  - Run like a business meeting
  - Officer elections
- Explore the outdoors
  - Tours, job shadowing, nature hikes, farm field days
- Volunteer & community service opportunities
- Project ideas and goals







BUDGETING





- <u>Junior Board works with district</u>
  - – Develops activities
  - –Learns about budgeting
- Compiles a budget
  - ✓ $1000 - $5000
  - ✓Sky is the limit
- Fundraising
- Donations from local businesses

The KEYS to Success

- Make it your OWN
- Partnerships!
- Involve the district board
- Community and youth engagement
- FOOD ☺ FUN



Activities



- Community clean up
- Assist with district activities
- Tree plantings
- Hospital or nursing home visits
- Gardens
- Adopt a stream
- Assist with K-5 activities
- Envirothon
- Clothes drive
- Trunk or treat
- Recycling

- Assist other agencies: forestry, wildlife, water & aquatics
- Festivals and tabling
- Farm days
- College, career and scholarship opportunities, volunteer opportunities

CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD INTERACTION

What's in it for students?

- New friends
- Career exploration
- Experience
- Scholarship & internship opportunities
- Looks good on a resume
- Training for a future seat as an elected official



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Share the experience



- Junior board meets with district to present report of accomplishments
- Budget accountability
- Presents possible goals and activities for the next year

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Christmas tree collection helps both fish and anglers



Photo by Christian Marnon

The Anderson County Junior Conservation Board collected nearly 60 trees this year, all of which will be reconstituted into fish habitat at Beaver Lake. Last Wednesday they met with representatives from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at drop-off site ACE Hardware to load the trees. Pictured, from left are, Nick Keeton and Joseph Zimmerman with KDFWR, Mike Wilson, Kamdon Wilson, Junior Board President Rachael Bancroft and Beverly McElwain.

Junior conservation board continues tradition

BY CHRISTIAN MARNON
NEWS STAFF

Nearly 60 discarded Christmas trees will be converted to Beaver Lake fish habitat this year thanks to continued efforts from the Anderson County Junior Conservation Board.

Each holiday season, the junior board facilitates drop-off sites for Christmas trees at local businesses like ACE Hardware, where they met last Wednesday with representatives from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Those trees are combined and recycled with thousands more from the region to create brush piles for habitat.

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QUESTIONS?

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