**4th Annual SWCD Educator’s Conference**

Mohican State Park Lodge and Conference Center

1098 County Road 3006, Perrysville, OH 44864-9782

Day 1 - October 22, 2025

8:00 – 8:45 am Breakfast

8:45 – 9:15 am Welcome and Announcements

9:15 – 10:15 am Breakout Session I (choose 1)

* Stormwater Education Session -presented by members of NEOPIPE - Natalie Gertz-Young - Lake, Valerie Sasak - Erie, Abby Costilow - Medina, Amy Roskilly - Cuyahoga

OR

* Outreach into schools: How to get your foot in the door (panel)
* Kevin Wolf - West Holmes HS, principal
* Linda Petit, Franklin SWCD
* Melissa Proffit -Warren SWCD
* Jenna Balazs/ Rebecca Miller, Hocking SWCD

Break/ Change Sessions

10:30 -11:15 am Adult Education Programs Session

* Gail Prunty, Geauga SWCD - Adult Ed topic
* Amanda Hurley, Shelby SWCD - Forestry Field Day
* Anne Marie Michaels, Williams SWCD

11:15 – 12:00 pm Question and Sharing Roundtables (3 -15 minute sessions, pick 3)

* Karen Pryor, Gorman Nature Center - Summer Day Camps
* Dennis Clement, Ohio EPA -Water
* Abby Ditomassi, ODNR Div. of Wildlife -Bears
* Heather Sheets, ODNR Div. of Forestry -Wildfires
* Abby Costilow – How to utilize OEEF Grants

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 1:15 pm Carpool to Malabar Farm

1:30 – 2:30 pm ½ Self-Guided Tour of Malabar Visitor Center, ½ Forestry and Tree Id

2:30 – 3:30 pm ½ Self-Guided Tour of Malabar Visitor Center, ½ Forestry and Tree Id

3:30 – 4:00 pm Carpool to Richland Recycling Center and Escape Room or Ohio Bird Sanctuary

4:00 – 5:00 pm Richland Recycling Center or Ohio Bird Sanctuary (limit 25)

5:00 – 5:40 pm Return to Mohican Lodge or dinner on your own, networking

7:00 pm Campfire, networking, Smores

Day 2 - October 23, 2025

8:00 – 8:45 am Breakfast

8:45 - 9:00 am Morning Announcements

9:00 – 10:00 am Breakout Session II (choose 1)

* Gail Martin - Native Plants: Natives in Harmony

OR

* Soils Activities
* Teresa Caldwell, Athens SWCD - K – 6/8 Students,
* Suzanne Westlake, Ashtabula SWCD -8/12 Students

Break

10:10 – 11:00 am Sharing Roundtable Session

11 am - 12:00 pm Breakout III (choose 1)

* Classroom Presentations for Middle and High School (panel)

- short presentation followed by time for questions

* + - Natalie Gertz-Young -Lake SWCD
    - Penny Cox -Perry SWCD
    - Mike Mullen -Montgomery SWCD (unconfirmed)

Plus 30 minutes for questions

OR

* Networking Session: Meet up with other participants to share ideas, ask questions, and get to know other educators from across the state

12:00 –1:30 pm Lunch -Keynote Camp NuHop

1:30- 2:30 pm Mohican State Park planned activity

OR

1:30 -1:45 pm Travel to Malabar

2:00 – 3:30 pm Tour Malabar Farm House

Have a safe trip home!