

Get Outdoors PA REGIONAL SUMMIT

Friday, October 28 | 8:30 am – 2:30 pm (lunch included)

Hosted by

Fern Hollow Nature Center

1901 Glen Mitchell Road, Sewickley PA 15143

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8:30 am

Networking & Refreshments

Opportunity to network with local, regional and statewide partners.

9:00 am

Welcome & Introductions

Nicole Faraguna, PA Land Trust Association and Emily Gates, PA Park & Recreation Society will provide an overview of the Get Outdoors PA initiative.

9:15 am

Innovative Programs that Attract Audiences Across the Age Spectrum

Two different organizations will share their perspectives on how to engage audiences of varying ages – from preschool to senior citizen.

Speakers: Caren Glotfelty, Allegheny County Parks Foundation and Jessica Kester, Allegheny Land Trust

10:15 am

Expanding Your Horizons: Serving the Underserved

Pittsburg Parks Conservancy has been working to better serve the underserved and has developed unique outreach strategies that are intended to educate, engage and inspire those in these communities to get outdoors; meanwhile, Venture Outdoors, has developed successful strategies for working with inner-city youth.

Speaker: Lora Hutelmyer, Venture Outdoors and Heather Sage, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

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11:00 am

Your Next Target: An Archery Program

Washington County Parks & Recreation Department has recently launched an archery program. This session will provide an archery demonstration using equipment the County purchased with a Get Outdoors PA 2016 mini-grant. Learn tips on how Get Outdoors PA partners can offer their own archery program.

Speakers: Sarah Sandin, Washington County Parks & Recreation Department

12:15 pm

Lunch

Great opportunity for participants to network with community and flagship partner representatives.

12:45 pm

Tell Us What You Think

Diane Kripas, Division Chief, DCNR Bureau of Recreation & Conservation, will guide participants to share feedback on today's program and the Get Outdoors PA initiative.

1:15 pm

Depart for Wetland Area

Participants will be asked to drive a short distance (about 1-2 miles) to a nearby wetland area.

1:30 pm

Establishing a Wetland Area and Its Educational Opportunities

The Fern Nature Hollow Center staff, along with local partners, developed a small wetland area. Participants will learn more about the unique history of the site and how easy it is to create a wetland habitat of their own. We'll discuss the resources, equipment and materials necessary to create or restore a viable wetland. Visitors to the site will be encouraged to use dip nets and microscopes to examine the aquatic biota currently living in the newly restored wetland habitat.

Speaker: April Claus, Fern Hollow Nature Center

2:30 pm

Adjourn

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