



Over 30 conservation-minded students took part in a week-long Youth Conservation School for Lancaster County youth last week. Participating were: 1st Row: Mike Weaver, Steve Freysz, Steve Nye, Allen Geyer, Charlie Musser, Chrie Myers, Duane Heisey, Lewis Corlew, Duane McCloskey, Jim Rhinier, Mark Metzler; 2nd Row: Eric Snyder, Lori Rabold, Jodi Carmen, Lori Brown, Robin Hoffmaster, Lisa Cooney, Lamar King, Gerald Stern, John Forwood, Troy Beard,

Scott Heisey, Dale Brubaker; 3rd Row: Joe Brady, Rod Kyle, Beth Lodanosky, Chris Register, John Baker, Marvin Porch, Kevin Oettel, Mike Horvath, Bob Hackman; 4th Row: Lowell Graybill, Tom Johnston (Co-Director) Wanda Steffy, Dan Lynch, Tracy McCoy, Maria Lorah, John Sweigart, Mike Kunkle, Shirley Metzler, Sonia Shaner (Co-Director) Mike Good.

County youth gather for conservation school

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

LITITZ — To spend a week in the great outdoors eating roast venison and sharing the land with ducks, deer, and foresters may be some people's way of escaping it all, but to over 30 youths who gathered for the Lancaster County Conservation School, it was a week full of learning survival, orienteering, fishing, biology and the list continues

Borrowing tents and cots from

the National Guard, the students braved mosquitoes and snakes to spend a week under the direction of Tom Johnston, county soil conservationist, and Sonia Shaner, vo-ag instructor at Warwick.

Their activities which began Sunday last week, included instruction in survival by Carl Graybill of the PA Game Commission and orienteering by Bob Lauter, vo-ag instructor at New Holland, fishing school by Bob

Good and Ray Rudy from Sportman's Club in Lititz, forestry by John Bearer and Tim Breneisen, foresters for the State Bureau of Forestry and the County Conservation District, respectively; solar energy by Sandy Coyman; and aquatic biology by Stan Paulakovich, southeast supervisor for the PA Fish Commission.

Though the students camped at the northern Lancaster County's Fish and Game Association's 130

acre game farm, they did have opportunity to leave the spot for several classes. These classes included duck banding at Middle Creek by Ted Fox, game commissioner, and a trip to Hammer Creek to learn stream improvement by Ron Tibbet from the Fish Commission.

Tom Johnston, co-director of the school, described the week as "an opportunity to promote conservation in our youth and a

chance to give them an idea of careers in conservation."

"I think the students all enjoyed the week and profited from it. I had them all fill out an evaluation form and each said on it that they would like to return next year as a junior counselor," Johnston said.

This marks the third year the school has been held and each year the enrollment has improved. The

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