

COMMONWEALTH CONSERVATION CORNER



JANUARY 2025 EDITION

“With the new day comes new strength
and new thoughts” - - Eleanor Roosevelt

Happy New Year !

from the
Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

2025 KACD Agriculture Legislative Reception

JOIN US

Tuesday
February 4, 2025 at 6 -8 pm

The Elizabeth

306 Wapping St, Frankfort, KY 40604

Hors D'oeuvres, Coffee & Tea to be served!

Conservation Districts have been invited to set up table top displays depicting their programs, services, and accomplishments. 20 counties can take advantage of this opportunity to communicate directly with their legislators and government leaders to demonstrate the importance of conservation districts to Kentucky. **Only a few display spots remain!**

If your county would like to set up at the reception, please contact Crystal Renfro at crystal.renfro.kacd@outlook.com



It's time to register teams for the 2025 Kentucky Envirothon Contests!



Register
Online

Non-Refundable Registration Fee of \$250.00 per team will be accepted through March 15, 2025

OPTIONAL TRAINING DAYS: MARCH 14TH, 20TH, & 28TH, 2025
IN FRANKFORT, KY (MORE INFO TO COME)

West Regional Competition: Friday, April 11, 2025
(West Ky 4-H Camp, Dawson Springs)

East Regional Competition: Saturday, April 26, 2025
(Curtis Gates Lloyds Wildlife Management Area, Crittenden)

State Competition: May 14-15, 2025
at Ky FFA Leadership Training Center

<https://2025kacdenvirothon.cheddarup.com>



Upcoming Events of Interest

Click Here *Join via* **JOIN US FOR THE**
KACD MONTHLY DISTRICT SHARE SESSIONS!!
 ~ Last Wednesday of the month at 10am EST
Do not forget

january
29th

To Watch Previous Sessions, Visit [YOUTUBE.com/@kentuckyassociationofconse2489](https://www.youtube.com/@kentuckyassociationofconse2489)



State Apiarist Office Hours

Starting in January - Monthly Zoom Meeting with Kentucky State Apiarist: Amanda Skidmore

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025
 Time: 12pm EST/11am CT.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the google form (QR Code) and I will add you to my email list where you will be able to sign up for the meetings!

Questions? Email me at: Amanda.Skidmore@ky.gov

2024 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES FINALE

Canva - Just the Basics!

Join Serena Schmit, Marketing Director with KAT & Co as she walks through the basics of using Canva.

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Meet Your NCDEA Region Directors

Join the region directors for a brief conversation on who they are and what they're looking forward to in 2025

UPCOMING PARTNER WEBINARS

REGISTER NOW \$50

<https://www3.ca.uky.edu/.../form/forestry-health-conference/>

KENTUCKY FOREST HEALTH CONFERENCE

8:30-3 ET, Feb 6, 2025
 Longship Club, Kroger Stadium, Lexington, Kentucky

Get updates on current issues and threats on the horizon from experts around the region including:

- Invasive plants
- American chestnut
- Treatment options
- Herbicide issues
- Insects & pathogens
- And more!

CEUs being sought KY Pesticide Applicators, SAF, ISA, KY Master Logger, KY Landscape Architects

Good Idea Shop Talks

Join us for

A free meet-up series for row crop and livestock producers to exchange ideas for improving on-farm soil and water resources, while protecting profitability

We meet on the following Thursdays at 11:30am CT / 12:30pm ET via Zoom:

- December 12th, 2024
- January 23rd, 2025
- January 30th, 2025
- February 6th, 2025

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:
[HTTPS://GOODIDEAFARM.ORG/SHOP-TALKS](https://goodideafarm.org/shop-talks)

One Good Idea

REGISTER NOW!

Order
your
Tree Seedling bags!



Sign Up
for

KACD Committees!

Committees being reinstated
in 2025:



Legislative



Education / Youth



Natural Resources



Order Deadline:
January 31, 2025

\$10 /bundle (100)

Find the order Form

HERE,

and email to

CRYSTAL.RENFRO.KACD@OUTLOOK.COM

KACD is requesting any Conservation District Supervisors or District Staff interested in serving on any of these committees to submit an interest form (found on the KACD Website HERE) to KACD Executive Director, Crystal Renfro.

District Supervisors will be voting members of the committees and district staff will be ex-officio members. Committees will also contain advisors from NRCS, Ky DOC, and KACDE.

2025 KENTUCKY LEOPOLD CONSERVATION AWARD SEEKING NOMINEES

LEOPOLD
CONSERVATION
AWARD

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2025

sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA

<https://sandcountyfoundation.org/news/2025/kentucky-leopold-conservation-award-seeks-nominees>

KENTUCKY JUNIOR CONSERVATION BOARDS @ WORK!

Junior Board Members & Leaders:



Join the KACD Junior Boards GroupMe to share ideas, network, & access information



Jr. board members have been collecting christmas trees and light strands to be recycled. Trees are submerged in a body of water by Fish & Wildlife personnel for fish habitat.



Anderson County Jr. Board



Pike County Jr. Board

Junior board members prepared for and participated in a youth agriculture educational camp day.



Boone County Jr. Board

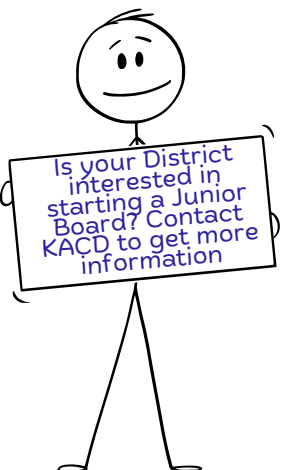


Boone Co. Jr. board assisted with a River Sweep & trail work day, as well as a Stream Sampling event.

BUTLER COUNTY JUNIOR BOARD



The Butler Co. Jr. board has recently formed and is actively making plans for their future community activities. We look forward to seeing what they do!



Logan County Jr. Board

Donate to our Food Drive

Help the Logan County community by donating non-perishable foods like canned goods.

- IGA Priceless
- Logan County Extension Office
- NRCS Office



The Junior board recently collected non-perishable food items for their community. With tremendous local support, they successfully collected 1,144 pounds of food!

KACD Sponsor Spotlight

SOUTHERN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH & EDUCATION

The SARE program is a decentralized competitive grants and education program operating in every state and territory. Southern SARE offers competitive grants and educational opportunities for producers, researchers, educators, institutions, organizations and others exploring sustainable agriculture in America's South, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

SARE's vision is an enduring American agriculture of the highest quality. This agriculture is profitable, protects the nation's land and water and is a force for a rewarding way of life for farmers and ranchers whose quality products and operations sustain their communities and society.

SARE's mission is to advance – to the whole of American agriculture – innovations that improve profitability, stewardship and quality of life by investing in groundbreaking research and education.

<https://southern.sare.org/>



2024-2025 KACD Sponsors

