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The mission of the Boone County Conservation District (BCCDKY) is to promote the protection and wise use of natural resources through education and service to the citizens of Boone County. To learn more about what we do, visit bccdky.org or stop by our office to say hello!

Hello, 2019! In 2018, we...

- Reached over 5,000 people at education and outreach programs
 - Hosted 4 presentations and trainings, 11 family programs, 17 K-12 school and home school programs, 4 scout and STEM group programs, and 2 stream cleanups
 - Attended 7 different festivals and fairs to promote Boone County conservation
 - Raised 14 gray tree frogs and released in various locations
 - Awarded \$1,000 each to two scholarship recipients and \$700 in education grants to Boone County Schools
 - Recertified 6 Agriculture Districts and updated 2 Agriculture Water Quality Plans
 - Teamed up with Harmon's Dead Animal Pick Up to collect 9 horses, 11 calves, and 20 cows
 - Piloted the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) and submitted 8 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) applications, 2 State Cost Share (SCS) applications, and worked with 52 landowners
 - Completed the final project for the Gunpowder Creek Watershed Plan with 3 acres of native shortgrass prairie planted, 2 retrofitted detention basins, and 600 feet of swale at Gateway Community & Technical College – Boone Campus
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Education



Forest Conservation Workshop to be held on March 16th

Are you a landowner, park manager, or just curious about the state of our local forests? Join us for a Forest

Conservation Workshop where we will learn from leading foresters in the state about forest habitats, urban forestry, invasive species to look out for, winter tree ID, and how to keep Northern Kentucky Forests healthy for generations to come. **Registration includes lunch, and is FREE for students.** [Register now!](#)

Conservation Kids Camp registration is now open!

BCCDKY's annual Conservation Kids Camp is now open for registration until March 31! All kids aged 9-12 are eligible to [apply online](#). This outdoor day camp has been expanded to 4 days this year and will take place at scenic Potter's Ranch June 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2019. This year we are offering canoeing, hiking, wildlife studies, fishing, zip lining, and so much more! Registration fee includes all activities, daily lunch, and t-shirt.



Maggie from CKC 2018 holding up her prize fish!



Photo from "Life Under the Water" Program

New education programs in 2019

This Spring, BCCDKY and Boone County Parks have teamed up to offer programs for adults, families, and homeschool groups. Join us for owl prowls, pollinator workshops, stream investigations, and more! Visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for details.

Soil

Assistance for farm dumps and stream cleanups now available

If you need assistance removing heavy debris from your farm or neighborhood stream, give us a call! We offer financial and technical assistance for cleanups in Boone County. Volunteers are encouraged to participate. [Click here](#) for more information.



Water



Photo by Kevin Black

Wetland Monitoring

To help measure the success of a constructed wetland in the Gunpowder Creek watershed, our NKU student intern is piloting a wildlife study. Throughout the winter, Kevin will monitor the number of birds using the wetland as habitat. You can stay up to date with the project by reading [Kevin's blog!](#)

Natural Areas

Winter Birds

Did you know that the winter months are actually a great time to spot some uncommon birds in Boone County? There are a few dozen species that can only be found here during the winter months. These include several species of duck and waterfowl, the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker of the woodpecker family, and the very charismatic Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets! Be on the lookout both in the forest and on the water to see these unique species and our other year-round native birds. [Click here](#) for more birds to be on the lookout for in the winter months!



Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Regulus calendula) / Photo: Brian E. Small/Vireo

Upcoming Events

For event details and registration information, visit our [Calendar Of Events!](#)

January 26: Family Program: Owl Prowl

January 28: Board Meeting

January 30: Homeschool Program: Water, Water, Everywhere!

February 16: Family Program: Live Raptors

February 25: Board Meeting

March 16: Forest Conservation Workshop

March 18: Board Meeting

March 23: Planning your Pollinator Garden

April 15: Board Meeting

April 22: Wildflower Walk

April 24: Homeschool Program: Stream Investigation

April 26: Arbor Day

April 28 - May 4: Soil and Water Stewardship Week

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