FROGFEST EVENTS:



PVCA & U.S. Fish and Wildlife Welcome Tent: grab a map and find out what PVCA and Fish & Wildlife does for the Penns Valley Watershed.



Tadpoles, Toads & Frogs—OH MY! Herpetologist Dr Jim Julian & Biologist Carla Hass: Search for frogs and tadpoles and learn how to identify various species.



FROG Jumping Contest & Activities: Learn about frogs, create a frog craft, and play some froggy games.



Fantastic Frogs: Ribbit! Learn how reptiles and amphibians are both similar and different.



Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County: Visit the pollinator garden and chat with master gardeners + fun kids activities.



Frog Calls: Ever wonder what 'sounds/calls' frogs make? Learn their amazing calls and try them out.



Nature Walks: Joe Gyekis, birder extraordinaire, will be leading two guided tours. 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm



Art on the Boardwalk: Contribute to the FrogFest community canvas & create a take home art piece.



Discover Macro Invertebrates: Macros can tell a lot about stream health. Catch some of these tiny invertebrates to take a closer look.



Music in the Marsh: Sing fun nature songs, play instruments, and do movements!



Pinecone Bird Feeder: Make your own pinecone bird feeder to take home.



Food Available: Come past the barn patio and enjoy some food/drink; all funds donated to PVCA.



Old Time String Band Music: Listen to Penns Valley musicians...audience participation encouraged!



Country Line Dancing & Zumba: From 2:00-4:00 pm come and hop around in the barn.



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Muddy Paws Marsh is a 30 acre wetland in the Upper Penns Creek Watershed located on the banks of beaitulful Penns Creek. Like many wetlands, it was drained circa 1940 so that the land could be used for agriculture. When Greg and Mary Kay Williams purchased the property in 1991, they wanted to restore not only the 1808 Colonial Tavern but also recognized the importance of the wetlands and began the restoration process. The wetlands are named after their dog Max, who loved to get muddy in the Marsh. In 2004, through a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Penns Valley Conservation Association (PVCA) and, Ducks Unlimited, the wetlands were restored by removing the clay tiles that drained the area for agriculture. These wetlands are in a permanent NRCS easement.

Wetlands like these are critical to the health of a watershed because they reduce pollution and greenhouse gases as well as create waterfowl and wildlife habitat. Water is essential for life; therefore the quantity and quality of water resources are critical for community health and wellbeing. In Pennsylvania, over 50% of wetlands habitat have been destroyed, so wetlands restoration is very important to the environment.

Muddy Paws Marsh has offered free environmental education to the community and to over 5000 school students since 2001!

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