



# Summer Newsletter

## KCCD Updates

What an eventful Spring! We hosted and attended multiple events during the global City Nature Challenge (CNC), and Kenton County made its mark! Together, we made 363 iNaturalist observations which included 195 species. This far exceeded our goal, further aiding conservation research. Let's double our contributions next year!

Our board members demonstrated their support at CNC events and beyond! They provided assistance at Maintain-the-Terrain, a Doe Run Lake cleanup, and a stream-focused field trip for Tichenor Middle Schoolers.

Shout out to our volunteers! NKY Sierra Club performed trail maintenance and invasive species removal at MVHA. Thomas More University participated in trash and tire cleanup as part of their Saints Serve Day in Elsmere. We appreciate you!

## Eagle Scout Trail Reroute



KCCD supports local Scouting America troops by encouraging on-site initiatives for those completing their extensive Eagle Scout Project. We are excited to highlight the work of Colin Witkowski of Troop 236! Colin, a senior at St. Henry District HS, along with his team and KCCD

staff, is building a new switchback at Morning View Heritage Area. This reroute, near the entrance to the Steinhauser Trail, has been a goal of KCCD's to increase trail stability and accessibility for hikers.

The project doesn't stop there! Colin is also helping to remove old and damaged signage from the trails, replacing them with wayfinding maps.

See the completed project by Colin and Troop 236 on your next visit to Morning View Heritage Area, open daily from dawn to dusk.

Contact KCCD for info on future projects and how to get involved!



Spring Peeper CC-BY-NC exhibitor, observed during CNC Hike at Morning View Heritage Area (MVHA), April 2026.

## Upcoming Events



Scan for details!

### Nature Hike Series

Mon, June 22<sup>nd</sup> | 1-3p

Tues, July 21<sup>st</sup> | 9-11a

Wed, August 19<sup>th</sup> | 9-11a

### Science Thursday

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30a-12p

Pioneer Park, Shelter #1

### Nature Journaling

Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

10a-12p

Morning View Heritage Area