MISSION
The Pocono Environmental Education Center (P.E.E.C.) advances environmental education, sustainable living and appreciation for nature through hands on experience in a national park.

VISION
“An environmentally enlightened world”

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Nearly twenty years ago, I was engaged in conversations focused on curricular revision at my small college. We were asked to close our eyes and picture the year 2020. I am pretty sure that none of us came close to the uncertainty that is our current reality. For a year whose moniker indicates perfect vision (20/20), the future has suddenly become quite blurry. The phrase “new normal” is one that I have grown rather tired of hearing, how about you? I long for the old normal. I would love to be helping my son celebrate his high school graduation and plan for his freshman year in college. And yet our family has spent most of the spring in virtual quarantine, awaiting the announcement as to whether he will even have classes face-to-face with his peers in the fall. Everything is in flux. Everything seems so uncertain.

And yet…

There is one thing that remains crystal clear in this 2020 environment: the absolute importance of science and medicine in helping us get back to a “real and reliable normal.” As our health care heroes tend to our loved ones, virologists study viral replication and try to better understand why some people are asymptomatic and others have severe reactions. While public health officials work with communities to provide information about best practices for containment, epidemiologists track the spread of the virus itself. Meanwhile, molecular biologists are working to develop better technologies for detection, and effective vaccines to prevent further outbreaks. Science abounds! Science is vital. Science-related careers are crucial.

Science careers start with an interest in the natural world. We share the excitement for nature study by integrating science into early childhood education, and our PEEC community is key to this strategy. For nearly five decades, students from as near as Milford and as far as Philadelphia and New York City have been inspired by visits to PEEC. Our summer camps and school programs encourage discovery and critical thinking. We need you – now more than ever – to help us achieve these important goals. Funding from our individual members is paramount in making camp experiences for urban youth possible. Your contribution to PEEC ensures those science interventions can continue. Let’s make sure the new normal has us inspiring young people even more than before, and in the process has us increasing the pool of talented scientists on whom we depend. Now and in the future.

~ K. Joy Karnas, Ph.D., Chair, Board of Trustees

“In 2013 Tarzan’s half cousin twice removed.”
Student, R.F. Wagner Middle School, Manhattan, NY
Fundraisers

Our 3rd Annual 100 for $1000 fundraiser was once again an extremely successful event. In this non-event fundraiser, 100% of all donations go toward PEEC and environmental education. We are grateful to all our generous 2019 donors.

Fast Facts

• **General Fact:** PEEC is one of the largest residential environmental education centers in the world and serves over 30,000 people per year with a variety of environmental education and sustainability programming.

• **Education:** In 2019, PEEC hosted a total of 106 schools, boasting 92 returning and 14 new additions to our environmental education programming. Highlights of newly revived classes includes the Ornithology (Bird Study) and Habitat Study, both of which highlight the importance of seasonal changes at PEEC!

• **Public Programs:** 2,814 participants attended 118 scheduled programs, averaging approximately 23 per event. Our 15 grant-funded Bridge the Gap programs totaled 234 attendees.

“Just when you start having the most fun, it is time to go.”
*Student, Summer Science in the Poconos, Newark, NJ*
Newark Summer Science in the Poconos

The Victoria Foundation and PSEG Foundation once again funded a trip to PEEC for Newark students at the end of June. Eight schools (up from 6 last year) sent over 70 students for a 4 day and 3 night adventure. Students and their chaperones studied nature, hiked the Tumbling Water Trail, and participated in recreational activities which helped them become friends with the other students who came from many neighborhoods throughout the city.

Women on the Water (WOW) & Boys in Boats (B2)

PEEC staff led this program for 75 students from five different schools/organizations located in Camden, NJ and Philadelphia, PA. WOW/B2 promotes watershed awareness while paddling on the Delaware River and camping along its shores. This program is generously funded by the William Penn Foundation. Students spend 3 days and 2 nights on the river; taking water samples, and exploring different ways to calculate water quality on the river that provides drinking water to their home communities. Once home in their own neighborhoods, the students design and work on watershed awareness projects.

The Sci-Q Project

Imagine that you are a student in Junior High School, that you love science, and have the opportunity to come to PEEC to spend a week doing science things! That’s what 20 eighth to tenth grade students from NY, NJ and PA did when they came to PEEC for a week long ‘immersion in science’ program generously funded by Sanofi. Students attended ESU for 3 hands-on classes led by college professors, paddled down the Delaware River to study geologic formations in the Water Gap, made hydraulic powered arm units, and visited the Sterling Hill Mine Museum. They also, among other activities, finished their week creating team ‘boats’ using only cardboard, duct tape, plastic bags and gallon jugs, and then raced the boats on PEEC’s Front Pond.

“The peace and quiet of the river works wonders.”
Student, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
Crepuscular" is a fun word to say!"
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Student, Summer Science in the Poconos, Newark, NJ

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Bridge the Gap (BTG)

Also funded by the William Penn Foundation, BTG is a connector - a bridge - between people and their natural environment. This program has shown us that hiking, biking, and paddling are excellent ways to share the watershed message: healthy forests encourage healthy waterways. BTG is a tool that accomplished sending that message as it helped promote watershed stewardship. In 2019, more than 1250 people hiked on and around PEEC’s trails, and paddled on our ponds and the Delaware River. Results of the survey taken by participants help us plan for future activities.

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WATER! Watershed Awareness: Teaching Everyone Responsibility!

During the past 2 years, more than 670 students from the Camden and Philadelphia area attended this William Penn Foundation funded 3 days and 2 nights program focused on watershed health. PEEC, Camden and Philly all are located in the Delaware River Watershed, so it was important for the students to learn what factors help keep a watershed healthy. They took notes about what was happening in the watershed in our area and then compared them to what is happening in their own neighborhoods. Students then plan and carry out various watershed projects to help raise awareness and watershed health.

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Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)

Thanks to generous donations from The Dime Bank, Wayne Bank, Weis Markets, and Waste Management, 2019 saw over 500 local students and family members visit PEEC. Area students from Delaware Valley School District and East Stroudsburg Area School District visited the EcoZone then hiked on one of PEEC’s trails as they hunted for items related to what they discovered in the EcoZone. The focus is Wildlife Study. Thanks to this funding, area families were also able to visit the EcoZone throughout the year on select weekends. EITC funding is important to PEEC in allowing local students and families to explore nature.
“Hiking at night was terrifying, but so much fun.”
Student, R.F. Wagner Middle School, Manhattan, NY

Scouting Programs

In 2019, PEEC hosted a combined total of 111 Scouts BSA and Girl Scouts. This year PEEC took advantage of the new “Eco” series of badges for all ages, such as the Eco Camper, Eco Explorer and Eco Adventurer badges. Scouts BSA badge work featured tried-and-true offerings like the Environmental Science and Wilderness Survival merit badges.

Growing Green

Our partnership with Easter Seals of Northeastern PA completed its 8th year of camp Growing Green. This year, we hosted around 20 special needs campers over 6 weeks for 119 camper weeks! This successful program continued the tradition of allowing special needs individuals to experience nature through hiking, canoeing, visiting waterfalls and participating in weekly camp activities with PEEC staff and day campers.

Festivals

PEEC welcomed over 500 visitors to our two festivals: Earth Day in the spring and Harvest Festal in the fall. These festivals are a great way for PEEC to interface with the public, offering more than 30 local vendors and presenters, an animal presentation, live music, a chainsaw artist, a blacksmithing demonstration, games, crafts, and more! This year we also offered an electronics recycling program in partnership with Electronics Recyclers International and a plastic film recycling drive in partnership with Trex that collected over 500 pounds of plastic and earned PEEC a bench for our property.

Summer Camp

2019 continued the success of PEEC’s Nature Adventure Camps and added a new adventure, Tike Hikes. These modified sessions invited 3-5 year olds and their favorite adults for a week of camp. We can safely say the adults had just as much fun as the kids! Overall, PEEC camps welcomed over 300 campers across eight weeks of programming and continued partnerships with Ricky Boscarno of Luna Parc, Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and other local organizations to bring unique camp experiences to PEEC. This year we had nine campers receive financial campership assistance from Biondo Family Foundation and generous individual donations.
“I had so much fun! I wish I could stay for a whole week! I would definitely come back some day!”
Student, Summer Science in the Poconos, Newark, NJ
**Financial Report**

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**Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support**

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**Total expenses**

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(Decrease) Increase in Net Assets from Operations

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Net Assets, Beginning of Year as Previously Reported

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**Net asset, ending**

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**Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities**

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Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities / Payments for Property & Equipment

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Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities

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Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents

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Cash and Cash Equivalent: Beginning of Year

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**Cash & Cash Equivalent: End of Year**

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<td>Cash Paid During Year for Interest</td>
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<td>1,098</td>
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“**This trip was a very transformative experience for me because it gave me the opportunity to align myself with peace. Being on the river and living alongside it grounded me in a way I never imagined it would.”** Student, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
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### BALD EAGLE
- Paul Biedlingmaier, Jr.
- Tom & Barbara Brummer
- Peter & Barbara Derrenbacher
- Michael Derrenbacher
- George Hill
- Carolyn Licht
- Litzenberger Family Foundation
- David S. Miller Family
- Daniel White

### RED SHOULDERED HAWK
- Dan Abramson
- Mark Biedlingmaier
- Bike & Brew Event
- Joanne Bruno
- Nicole Cohen-Addad
- EPA Inspector Workshop
- George & Elizabeth Gephart
- Marc & Sharon Gold
- Marcia Kaplan-Mann
- Ken Klipstein
- Ronald Kuby & Marilyn Vasta
- Richard & Rebecca Lindsay
- Gregory J. & Patricia Lutfy
- Kathleen Lyon & Darrell Berger
- Elizabeth Mindlin
- Brian & Kathy O’Hare
- Thomas O’Keefe & Teresa Stack
- Alan & Suzanne Robinson
- Jeff & Gail Rosalsky
- Sondra Rosalsky
- Gary Roth & Czashka Ross
- Elizabeth Sherman
- Carolyn & Paul Shuttleworth
- Norman & Sharon Spindel
- Maleyme Syracuse & Michael Trenner
- John Thompson
- Nathaniel Tindel
- Andrew & Julie Wilshinsky
- Susan Zenke

### BLUE HERON
- Harold & Kathleen Aaron
- Anonymous
- Alan & Michelle Brower
- Bushkill / Smithfields Lion Club
- Mary Cooney & Steve Buma
- Todd & Elise Knauer
- David T. Lender
- Jack & Carol Padelino
- Abby Pariser
- James Pedranti
- James & Gloria Ross
- Anthony & Janet Valles
- Howard Whidden & Jennifer White

### SCARLET TANAGER
- Ann & Joseph Farda Foundation
- Roy Arezzo
- Lisa Baker
- Katrina Barnas
- Joseph & Sara Bedrick
- Blooming Grove Hunting & Fishing Club
- Edward & Barbara Bromley
- Daniel & Irene Brouex
- Michael & Victoria Brown
- Fred Bucholz & Helen Ripple
- Janet Carter
- Joseph Dooley
- Charles & Diane Fancher
- Barbara Frazier
- Robert & Beth Frederick
- Gelman-Lichtenstein Family Fund
- Rosemarie Geng
- Kathleen & Michael Gilbert
- David Goldberg
- Gussie Graffeo
- Pam Gregory & David Palladino
- John Grill
- Dr. Susan Halsey
- Christine Herz
- John Lanacone & Cynthia D’Ambrosio
- Clark Jones
- William & Karen Keenan
- Anne Kelly & Richard Skolnik
- Alain & MaryAnn Lajoux
- George & Helen Lauscher
- Larry & Frances Martone
- Stephen McBride
- John McCaulry
- Declan Mead
- Lee & Sondra Miller
- Alice Motten
- Betsy Motten
- Philip Munkaczy
- Mary Nenno
- Nick & Maggie Niles
- Carol Norr
- Phyllis Olson
- Our Lady of the Mountain - Council 983
- Rachel Plattker Esrig
- Nancy Roberts
- Sheila Salmon
- Gretchen Schmelz
- Robert & Roberta Scott
- Jeffrey Shapiro
- Kayla Spear
- Gregory & Anne Steinberg
- Susan Stevenson
- Stephan van de Loecht
- Karen Vigoriti
- Sarah Walker
- Rick Weiman
- Gail Wershing
“Living in nature is not easy, but it’s a lot of fun!”

Student, Summer Science in the Poconos, Newark, NJ
“The experience of being on the river 24/7 allowed me to absorb so much of the river’s beauty, so now I feel fondness and appreciation for that place. The river is a powerful and complex ecosystem and we’re lucky to have it to enjoy and learn from.”
Student, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA