



PEEC
Pocono Environmental
Education Center

2025 Annual Report

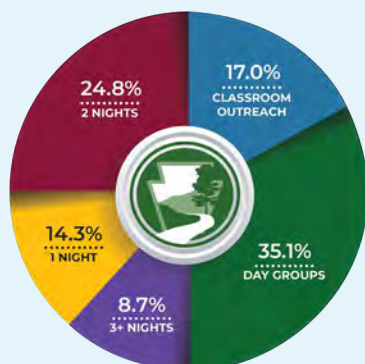


Take a PEEC Inside . . .

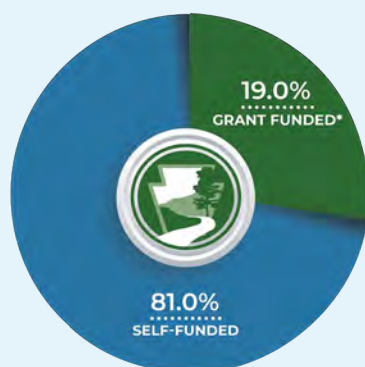
Group Visits

In 2025, PEEC served over 30,000 students, families, scouts, summer campers, program participants, and hikers. This is the highest number of annual PEEC participants on record!

Participants 2025

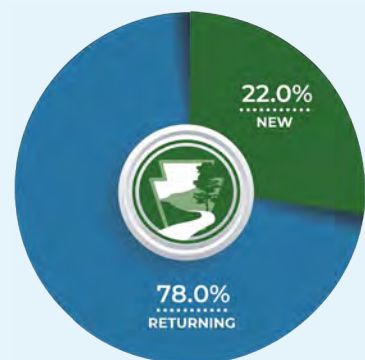


Grant-Funded vs Self-Funded Groups



*19% of groups received financial assistance through grant funding secured and administered by PEEC.

New vs Returning Group



PEEC OVERNIGHT TRIP SAMPLE SCHEDULE



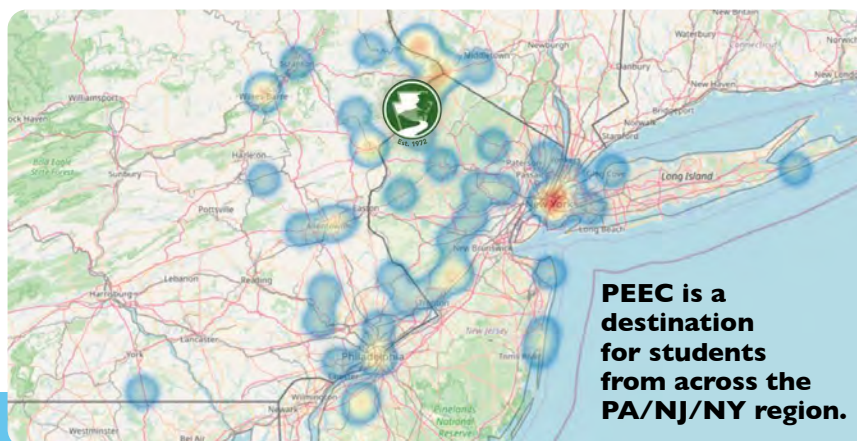
Teachers report that 95% of students increased their connection to nature through PEEC activities.

Students' favorites include:

1 Canoeing

2 Pond & Stream Ecology

3 Guided Day (and Night!) Hikes



Public Programs

2025 SNAPSHOT



PUBLIC
PROGRAMS

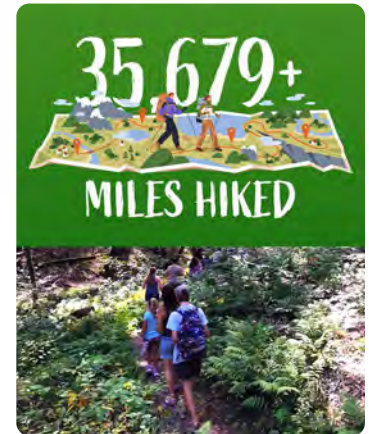
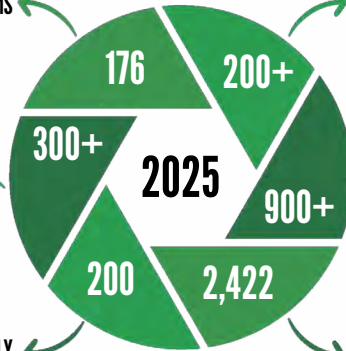
COMMUNITY DINNER
ATTENDEES

FESTIVAL
GOERS

PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

FAMILY
CAMPERS

ECOZONE
VISITORS



Summer Camp

PEEC welcomed 710 campers over 9 weeks of Summer Day Camp. That's an average of 79 campers a week, and a 14% increase from 2024!

54% came back for another year of fun, while **46%** were new this summer.

17 campers were supported by financial aid or scholarships.

Campers spend **79%** of their time outside and engaging in hands-on nature related activities.

Sanofi U.S. and the **Brandwein Institute** graciously provided funding for the 2025 Sci-Q Project camp. Funding allowed 10 participants to attend a STEM focused science camp that included field trips, hands-on activities, and glimpses into real-life STEM careers provided by professionals from the Pike County Conservation District, East Stroudsburg University, Picatinny Arsenal, the National Park Service, and the US Forest Service.



Operations



PEEC worked with mural artist, Eurhi Jones to create a bird-collision deterrent and educational art installation at the Visitor Activity Center funded by the **Alliance for Watershed Education** and the **PA Society of Ornithology**. It was recognized with the 2025 Pike County Conservation District Conservation Achievement Award.



The boardwalk to the bird blind along Two Ponds Trail was replaced, thanks to the **NPS Trail Stewards**.

Visitor amenities and accessibility, including signage, walkway lighting, benches, and landscaping, were enhanced through support from the **Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau** and the **Greater Pike Community Foundation**.

PEEC's campus safety and communications infrastructure was upgraded, with support from **Walmart Spark Good**, the **Wayne Memorial Health Foundation**, and the **Wayne County Community Foundation**.



2025 Grant Funders

Alliance for Watershed Education
Brandwein Institute
Community Foundation of New Jersey
Copper Beech Foundation
Dancing Tides Foundation
Greater Pike Community Foundation
Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
Honesdale National Bank*
Lehigh Valley Health Network
National Audubon Society
National Park Foundation
National Park Friends Alliance
National Wildlife Federation
Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental Protection
Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau
PPL Foundation

PSE&G Foundation
Robert H. Spitz Foundation
Rotary Club of the Smithfields
Sierra Club Huplits Grant
The Dime Bank*
Walmart Milford - Route 6 & 209
Waste Management*
Wayne Bank*
Wayne County Community Foundation
Wayne Memorial Health Foundation
Weis Markets*

***PEEC is honored to receive donations from businesses that participate in the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. In the 24-25 school year, these donations supported programming for 1,030 students!**



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YEAR ROUND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- School Groups
- Public Programs
- Retreats & Workshops

30,000
VISITORS
EACH YEAR

50+ YEARS
**ENVIRONMENTAL &
SUSTAINABILITY
EDUCATION**

20
ENVIRONMENTAL
Educators on
Staff



30 CLASSES
Including

- Water Quality
- Wildlife Ecology
- Geology

**1 OF A
KIND**
EcoZone
DISCOVERY ROOM

310 BEDS
FOR
Overnight
Trips

**6 FREE & AMAZING
HIKING
TRAILS**
**BILINGUAL TRAIL
GUIDES AVAILABLE**

*PEEC is close to home,
where learning comes naturally!*

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Gap National Recreation Area in Dingmans Ferry, PA.

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