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Ohio EPA Awards \$2,540 Environmental Education Mini Grant to Enrich Summer Camp Experience for Southern Ohio Students

Ohio EPA has awarded Raccoon Creek Partnership with a \$2,540 environmental education mini grant to teach water quality lessons to middle and high school students from six Southern Ohio counties (Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Meigs and Vinton). Eleven projects throughout the state were funded for \$50,000.

The grant will enrich the experiences of 40 local youth by supporting staffing and transportation costs for two, week-long summer camps at the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center. Activities from [Project WET](#), [Project WILD](#) and [Project WILD Aquatic](#) will help campers learn about threats to water quality in the Raccoon Creek watershed, including acid mine drainage and impacts from recreation.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund gives out approximately \$1 million each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. General grants are given for projects lasting up to 30 months and costing up to \$50,000.

Mini grants are available for projects lasting up to 12 months and costing between \$500 and \$5,000. Proposals for classroom projects, conference speakers, and other activities that are eligible under the general grant program are eligible under the mini-grant program, but the application process is streamlined. Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education reserves up to \$50,000 each grant round to fund projects submitted under this program. Just like the general grant program, there are two mini-grant rounds each year, with the next application deadline on July 15, 2011. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due on July 8.

For more information, contact Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873. Staff is available to assist potential grant applicants who contact the office before the submission deadline. Information also is available [online](#).

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