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### Tevis Energy Enhances County Park Mentored Youth Trout Day

Sweet Arrow Lake County Park will again be part of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Statewide Mentored Youth Fishing Day on March 25. Fishing begins at 8 am and ends at 7:30 pm for the one-day activity. Craig Morgan, Friends of Schuylkill Parks and Recreation and Sportsmen's Advisory board member and event coordinator said the organizations plan to enhance the PA Fish and Boat Commissions stocking of trout by adding 120 'lunker' (18 to 24 inch) trout thanks to Lunker Sponsor Tevis Energy. Last year the lake shore and lake were filled with families enjoying the day together outdoors. This year, all youth will receive a rod and reel gift or other special gift. Thanks in part to Schimpf's Wildlife Studio and Dissinger's Taxidermy the heaviest two trout caught will receive taxidermy mounts.

The Five-Year Anniversary of the event has turned into a really special time for the event. A new community partner, Tevis Energy, stepped up to the 'boat dock' and asked if they could sponsor the stocking of 120 'Lunker' trout for Mentored Youth Trout Day. Tevis Energy is a proud member of a family of companies and provides heating oil, diesel fuel and other commercial fuels to many Schuylkill County Households. The event partners were overwhelmed with the offer! 'The enhancement of the event over the past 5 years couldn't have occurred if not for the community support like Tevis Energy is now supplying for our youth', stated Mark Catranis, Vice-Chair of FSPR. Thousands of other trout will be stocked thanks to the Swatara Co-op trout nursery and PA Fish and Boat Commission.

The 501c3, non-profit, Friends of Schuylkill Parks and Recreation and partner Sportsmen's Advisory Board encourages adults to take a kid fishing. Any youth under age 16, along with a licensed adult with a trout permit may fish on March 25. However, the youth must have either a Voluntary Youth Fishing License or a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit. The cost for the license is \$2.90 plus costs. The Youth Voluntary License is free. 'We encourage mentors to purchase the license as the Fish and Boat Commission, through the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program, will receive about \$5 for every license sold', said Morgan. Be sure to check out the PA Fish and Boat Commissions web page for all the regulations.

It is so much easier for kids to fish a lake than trying to navigate streams and slippery banks. Boats with electric motors only are allowed on Sweet Arrow Lake as well. Kids may keep two trout and mentors may fish but must return all fish to the lake unharmed. Morgan's advice to mentors is to leave the fishing to the kids. Registration is not necessary for the Mentored Youth Day; however, a permit or license is necessary through a licensing agent or the web. Check-in is at the Fish and Boat Launch Pavilion for prizes. Refreshments will be available for purchase with all proceeds towards next year's stockings.

Donations payable to Friends of Schuylkill Parks and Recreation may be mailed to PO Box 81, Friedensburg, PA 17933. See Facebook pages 'Mentored Youth Trout Day and Sweet Arrow Lake Fishing Event for up-to-date details.

In addition to the Mentored Youth Day, the groups mentioned above and sponsor Pioneer Pole Buildings and FCCB are sponsoring the annual Betty Dietz and Bruce Schneck year-long trout fishing event at Sweet Arrow Lake kicking off April 8. Over \$20,000 of trout will be stocked with 65 tagged fish sporting \$10,000 in cash prizes. Visit [www.sweetarrowlakepark.com](http://www.sweetarrowlakepark.com) for more information. Registration information is also available at Werner's Lumber Ace Hardware, Pine Grove and Stony Gun and Archery, Williamstown.

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