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**NOTICE: SCWA Monthly Strip  
Tickets must be claimed within  
30 days of the jackpot drawing.**

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## Lowber Family Field Day Fun For All!

Over 80 individuals and volunteers participated in the Lowber Family Field Day Event held on August 15, 2017. Funded by a convening grant from the Foundation for PA Watersheds, the Lowber Family Field day provided an opportunity for area families to learn about the Lowber AMD treatment facility and its value to the community as they hiked to eight educational stations set up along one side of the treatment facility. College professors from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and California University of Pennsylvania demonstrated water sampling and testing procedures. Creation Trails Wetland volunteers explained the value of wetlands and Westmoreland Cleanways provided education activities about recycling.

In addition, the Westmoreland Conservation District engineer reviewed how storm water issues affect people and their property. Families also participated in a canoe/kayak water safety station and received a lesson in geocaching and searched for hidden caches at Lowber. The WCO from the PA Fish & Boat Commission answered questions and the Lowber Volunteer Fire Department provided a tour of their fire truck, complete with an opportunity to use a fire hose, and also provided traffic control. Sewickley Township Ambulance Service provided on-site emergency services. Families were given an environmental education kit to take home after spending a great day outdoors. A huge "thank you" to all involved in this event!



Dr. Tim Savisky, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, talking about water quality with a visiting family.



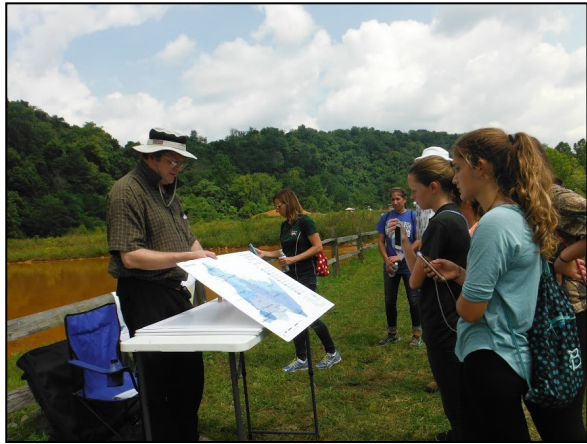
Natalie Reese, Westmoreland Cleanways, explains why recycling is important.



Sewickley Township Ambulance Service and Lowber Volunteer Fire Department partnered with SCWA to help make the Lowber Family Field Day a big success!



Becky Buriok loves to go Geocaching. Buriok explained Geocaching to young and old, and several participants found the geocaches hidden at Lower.



Jim Pillsbury, Westmoreland Conservation District, explains storm water runoff issues and how it affects people and their property.



Vanesa Whipkey, Creation Trails Wetland, describes the importance of wetlands.



California University students demonstrate various water testing procedures.



Shane Dushack, Adventuretrac, Inc., talks about the importance of proper water safety gear and good equipment.



Dr. Mark Stauffer, Chemistry Professor at UPG explains how and why mine water turns orange.