

Wildlife Leadership Academy Instructor Directory



John Arway

John Arway is a 30-year veteran of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) and is now the Executive Director of the organization. He is a native of North Huntingdon, PA and has served many roles in his time with the PFBC. John is an avid angler, boater, and hunter, with a passion for the outdoors and he believes that protecting aquatic resources is the underlying factor to be able to provide fishing and boating opportunities to citizens and visitors of Pennsylvania.



Meredith Bartron

Meredith Bartron grew up outside of Seattle, Washington, spending time outdoors and enjoying the woods and rivers of the Cascade Mountains. She now works as a geneticist at the Northeast Fishery Center in Lamar, PA for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Meredith enjoys collaborating with other researchers at her station in different fields of study. In her free time, she enjoys running, hunting, or fishing in central PA.



Bob Carline

Dr. Bob Carline devoted his entire professional career to fisheries research. He came to Pennsylvania in 1984, where he was Leader of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, U.S. Geological Survey, until his retirement in 2007. He served as Adjunct Professor of Fisheries at Penn State University and began his first research project on Spring Creek in 1985 and has been actively involved in a wide variety of projects in the watershed since then.



Donna Carnahan

Donna Carnahan is a water pollution biologist for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. **Contact email:** docarnahan@pa.gov



Amidea Daniel

Amidea Daniel is the Northeast Regional Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Much of her work involves instructing anglers in the art and sport of fishing, mainly fly fishing. Amidea also plays a major role in coordinating the Trout In the Classroom (TIC) program, which is partnered with the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, to provide coldwater conservation education to students throughout PA.

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Doug Desmond

Doug Desmond is the manager of the Tylersville State Fish Hatchery in Clinton County, PA. The Hatchery was originally constructed in 1963 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Brook, brown, rainbow, and golden rainbow trout are all reared at the Hatchery.



Rebecca Dunlap

Becky Dunlap is the Resource Conservationist for the Clinton County Conservation District, where her work ensures that the waters of Clinton County are not degraded. She is also an instructor at Columbia Southern University, teaching biology and earth science courses. Becky is the current president of the PA chapter of the American Fishery Society and is a member of the Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Roundtable.



Rebecca Holler

Rebecca Holler works at the Education Coordinator for the Eastern Abandoned Mine Program for Trout Unlimited, National.



Greg Hoover

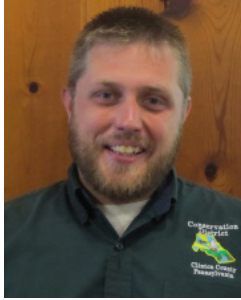
Dr. Greg Hoover is widely acknowledged as the world's most knowledgeable fly fishing entomologist. Greg teaches entomology at Penn State University's main campus, where for the past 10 years, he has enjoyed his role as the faculty advisor to the Penn State Fly Fishing Club. He was the recipient of the George Harvey Award for unselfishly promoting the sport of fly fishing through teaching of others. Greg is also the co-author of "Great Rivers, Great Hatches" (Stackpole) and has written various research reports and publications.



Michele Kittell

Michele Kittell is the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Institute for Conservation Education and Director of the Academy. Michele has led the Wildlife Leadership Academy for the last 5 years. She earned her bachelor's from Penn State in Biology and her master's in Zoology from Clemson University. She leads the Institute in coordinating, administering and creating partnerships to ensure the success of the Wildlife Leadership Academy. **Contact email:** mkittell@piceweb.org

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Scott Koser

Scott Koser is the Watershed Specialist and Education Coordinator for the Clinton County Conservation District. He provides presentations to schools and the public on many conservation related topics and district programs.



Samantha Kustskel

Sandy works for the Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP), which provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.



Jacob Lemon

Jake Lemon is the Eastern Shale Gas Monitoring Coordinator for Trout Unlimited. He oversees citizen science based water quality monitoring projects in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia. His efforts are focused on engaging citizens to monitor their local streams for impacts from shale gas development and to collect baseline data in areas where shale gas development is likely to occur.



Mick McKay

Mick McKay is the immediate past president of the Centre County Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps (CCPaSEC). The mission of the CCPaSEC is to develop and support teams of senior citizens who gather and publish data on the quality of water in the streams of Centre County. Through public outreach, with the assistance of other environmentally concerned organizations, CCPaSEC seeks to keep the public informed of the importance of clean water and how the management of our civil and natural resources affects the quality of streams in the country.



Mark Nale

Mark Nale is an accomplished outdoor writer in Pennsylvania. He grew up in rural Bedford County, gaining an appreciation for fishing, hunting, outdoor sports, and nature. Mark is now an outdoor writer and his articles and photographs have appeared in local, state, and national publications. He is married with three grown children, and he now hunts, fishes, and writes from his home in Centre County, PA.

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Daniel Ryan

Daniel Ryan graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Resources in 2008. He then acquired a Master's degrees in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences from Purdue University in 2010. Since 2011, he has worked as a fisheries biologist with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, reviewing wetlands and waterways constructions permit for evaluation and compliance with Pennsylvania regulations.



Sandra Sausser

Sandy Sausser is the Outreach Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. She started with PATU in January 2014 and is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Corporate Communications. Sandy works with the Trout in the Classroom program, youth and women's initiatives within Trout Unlimited, and chapter member outreach.



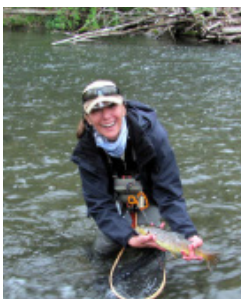
Tom Shervinskic

Tom is a fisheries biologist for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.



Wayne Sierer

Wayne Sierer is a retired science teacher in Wilson School District in Berks County. He holds a B.S. in biology from Albright College. Mr. Sierer worked as a post-grad at Kutztown University and LaSalle University. An avid birder for over 30 years, Wayne has been associated with the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Audubon Society, as well as the Important Bird Area Program sponsored by the Audubon Society.



Judy Sittler

Born and raised in Berks County, PA, Dr. Judi Sittler raised a family in State College and attended Penn State University. She moved to Los Angeles where she lived for 30 years, teaching special education at UCLA and Beverly Hills High School. During this time, she received her Ph.D. in Psychology and set up a private practice as a licensed psychologist. After retiring in 2006, she moved back to State College and is now president of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited and involved with a variety of environmental programs and projects.

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John Sweka

John graduated from Penn State Erie - The Behrend College in 1996 with a BS in general biology. He then went onto graduate school at West Virginia University where he earned both his MS and PhD. John has been employed with the USFWS at the Northeast Fishery Center since 2002 where his duties include conducting studies of fish ecology, data management, statistical analysis, and fish population dynamics modeling.



Ken Undercoffer

Ken Undercoffer is the former president of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited (PATU). He can often be found providing presentations to groups of environmentalists, conservations, and students. Ken remains active in PATU and involved with many Trout Unlimited projects throughout PA.



Kim VanFleet

Kim VanFleet is currently a visiting assistant professor of biology at Dickinson College. Kim previously worked as the Important Bird Area Coordinator in the central region for Audubon Pennsylvania. She specializes in the study of migration routes of raptors across Pennsylvania's Ridge and Valley Province. She has served as adjunct faculty in the biology departments of Shippensburg University and Penn State University teaching courses including ornithology, ecology, and environmental science.



Sarah Whitney

Sarah Whitney joined Pennsylvania Sea Grant in 2004 as a coastal outreach specialist. She has more than ten years of experience in the policy, research, and outreach aspects of natural resource management. Sarah earned her Master of Forestry Degree with a focus on protected area management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. She has diverse experience working with government, academic, and nonprofit sectors. Her primary responsibilities focus on AIS, marina, and boater pollution prevention outreach, and watershed planning.



Coji Yamashita

Coja Yamashita is the Leader of the Pathology Unit at the Benner Spring Fish Hatchery. He works closely with hatchery personnel to detect, identify, and eliminate pathogens, bacteria, and funguses that are harmful to hatchery-raised fish.