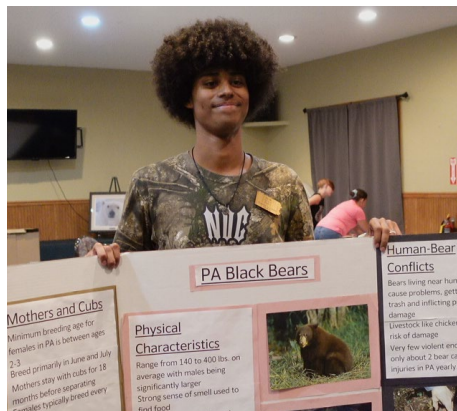


WILDLIFE  
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# CLASS OF 2024 VISUAL REPORT



# 2024 FIELD SCHOOL

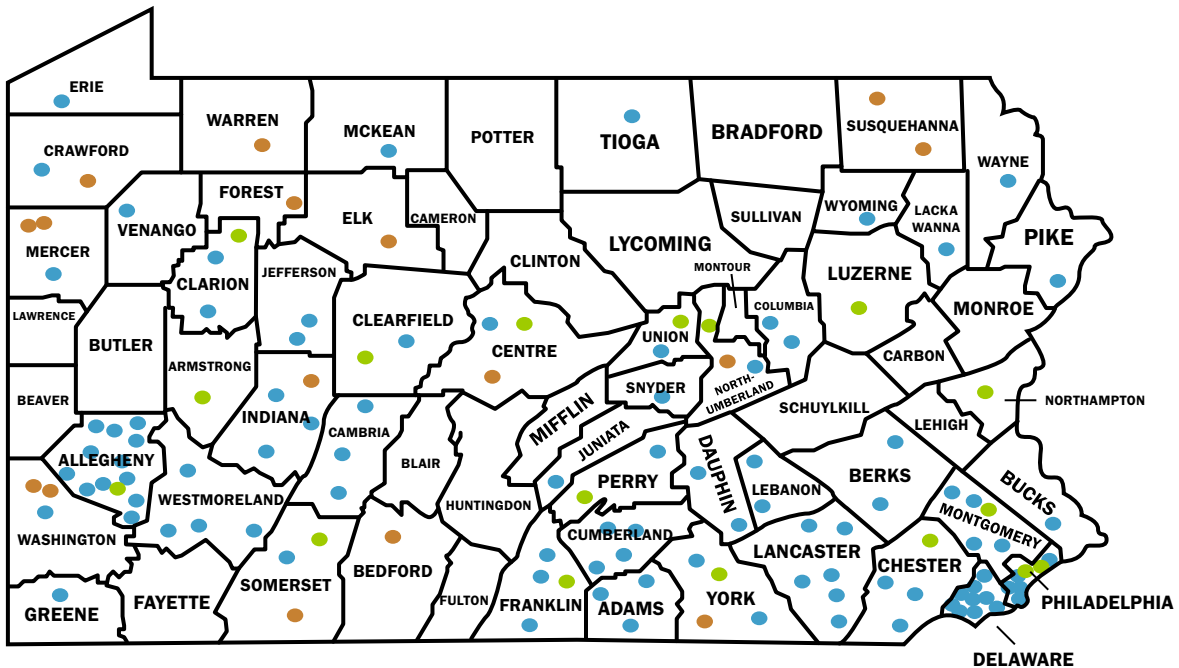
## Empowering the next generation of conservation ambassadors!

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This year, students continued to learn both in the classroom and in the field about species natural history & management, general ecology, leadership development, and naturalist skills. The Class of 2024 is currently following through with their outreach in their home communities in the areas of education, media engagement, creative arts and outdoor mentorship!



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This summer, we documented every day of field school through daily highlight videos. Visit our YouTube channel by [clicking here](#), and check out all the learning and fun the students engaged in this summer!

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This year we are celebrating our 18th class of Conservation Ambassadors! Since 2007, the Academy has enrolled **1,100** youth from all **67 counties** across the state! We have also welcomed students from California, D.C., Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia.



- CLASS OF 2024
- YOUTH MENTOR
- ADULT MENTOR

Including 5 students from Virginia, Ohio, New York, New Jersey and California!

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*Since 2007*

**10,395**

OUTREACH  
PROJECTS  
COMPLETED

**193,000**

CITIZENS ENGAGED  
BY CONSERVATION  
AMBASSADORS

**40,500**

HOURS OF WORK  
GIVEN BACK TO  
COMMUNITIES

18TH YEAR

# PA BUCKTAILS

**Focusing on the white-tailed deer and their habitat.**

June 18-22

Krislund Camp & Conference Center (Centre County)



Team Building Activity



Daily Plant Quizzes



Classroom Lectures



Introduction to Print Media



Mounting Plant Specimens



Deer Necropsy and Comparative Anatomy



Measuring Forest Health via Indicator Species

# 10TH YEAR

# PA BASS

**Focusing on bass and the  
Susquehanna River watershed.**

June 25-29

Krislund Camp & Conference  
Center (Centre County)



12TH YEAR

# PA BROOKIES

**Focusing on brook trout and cold water conservation.**

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July 9-13

Krislund Camp & Conference Center (Centre County)



Team Building Activity



Fish Necropsy



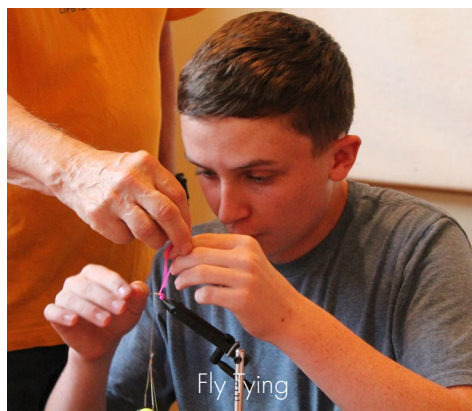
Habitat Construction



Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Survey



Fly Casting



Fly Tying



Fish Hatchery Tour

8TH YEAR

# PA GOBBLERS

**Focusing on the wild turkey and the management of their habitat.**

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July 16-20

Krislund Camp & Conference Center (Centre County)



Learning About Trapping



Radio Telemetry



Game Warden CSI



Turkey Calling Competition



Creating Outreach Projects



Rocket Netting Turkeys

7TH YEAR

# PA URSIDS

**Focusing on bears and the management of their habitat.**

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July 23-27

Krislund Camp & Conference Center (Centre County)



Plant Pressing



Mock Media Interviews



Archery



Collecting Scientific Data with PGC



Nature Journaling



Lessons in Forest Ecology



Nature Photography

# ENGAGING OUR ALUMNI

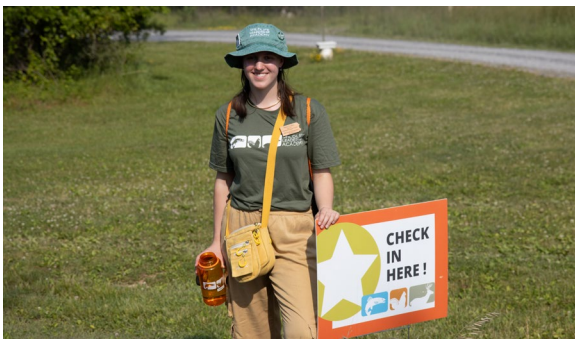
## GIVING BACK TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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Our programs would not be possible without the continued engagement of our alumni as youth mentors, apprentices and summer staff. The progressive leadership opportunities are strategic and the impact that alumni have on the current class will last a lifetime. Alumni are also returning as adult mentors and instructors now that they are in the conservation field professionally!



Ursids apprentices Mira G. (Brookies 2022), Lily J. (Bucktails 2022), Claire C. (Bucktails 2021), Cole D. (Gobblers 2022), and Josiah R-L. (Ursids 2022) stand with PA House Representative Paul Takac. Thirteen apprentices returned to gain additional leadership skills and learn more about the behind the scenes work at the Academy.



Emma Coulter (Bucktails 2020) was one of the 13 alumni who served as paid summer staff. Positions included Coordinating Team Member, Academy Support Team, and Photographer.



Noelle Cudney (Bucktails 2017) returned as one of 20 adult mentors, guiding a team of 5 new students and a youth mentor throughout the week.



Kala Davis (Bucktails 2008) returned as a week-long instructor at Bucktails and Brookies field schools leading several activities including the town hall meeting.



Kyle Clark (Bucktails 2010) and Alex Taylor (Bass 2019) returned as instructors while working for PA Fish and Boat Commission during the electrofishing demonstration at Bass field school.



Youth Mentors Lily G. (Ursids 2022) and Brayden R. (Bass 2023) served as two of 20 youth mentors guiding their peers through field school this summer.