

NEWS ADVISORY & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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Lehigh County Authority invites members of the media to participate in an interactive water youth education program 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, at the Troxell school building.

As part of an effort to increase awareness about important water issues in the Lehigh Valley, the Authority has developed a water education program for all third-grade classes in the Parkland School District (about 700 students). Presenters include Authority employees, as well as volunteers the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

The program, run throughout three weeks in October, offers each elementary school in the district a two-hour field trip to the Troxell school building where various hands-on activities and demonstration help students understand the concepts of water conservation, pollution, water treatment, groundwater and the water cycle.

Members of the media are welcome to attend the sessions themselves, which offer many photo opportunities of children interacting with various presenters. However, interviews with presenters are best handled before or after the program.

The Troxell school building is on Cedar Crest Boulevard. Traveling north, the building is on the right, about ½ mile north of the intersection at Walbert Avenue.

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Lehigh County Authority Youth Education Program & Schedule

Lehigh County Authority's youth education program offers students the following activities:

- **Journey of the Blob & Conservation Jeopardy.** An interactive video and discussion, which gets students thinking about what they can do every day to conserve water. Interesting water trivia, such as where the world's tallest waterfall is and how much water is in a watermelon, helps students to understand how important water is in our everyday lives.
- **Pollution Punch.** By making a disgusting batch of pollution punch, students begin to understand how their everyday activities can affect the water quality in their home areas.
- **Make & Take Filters.** Students learn how filters work to clean our drinking water, and then have the opportunity to make their own filters to take home and try out.
- **Groundwater Flows.** A groundwater flow model graphically illustrates how water is pumped out of the ground and how pollution on the earth's surface can affect groundwater quality and vice versa.

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