

Young Life

Armed with knowledge

Kids learn about safe gun handling, archery, hiking, and wildlife awareness

On Sunday, July 13, the Lenni Lenape Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation held a free outdoor event for youth at the Matamoras Rod and Gun Club: J.A.K.E.S. Conserve. Hunt. Share.

J.A.K.E.S. stands for Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship. It is dedicated to informing, educating and involving youth in wildlife conservation and the wise stewardship of our natural resources.

The members from the local Pike County 4-H Bows on Fire Archery club were there to demonstrate and instruct target shooting. There were also opportunities to shoot a .22 shotgun and rifle shooting. The Pennsylvania Game Commission talked about living with black bears in Pennsylvania giving facts and safety tips.

4-H archery leader, Karen Matthews spoke about her experience with Lyme Disease and gave extensive information on tick and Lyme awareness. There was also a guest speaker who talked about his experience hiking the Appalachian Trail through 14 states.

The young people had free hot dogs, chips, and drinks. They left armed with knowledge in safe gun handling, archery, hiking, and wildlife awareness.

Upcoming event

The Lenni Lenape Chapter will hold their NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquet Pig Roast by: Prime Time Meats on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Dingman Township Hall, Milford.

Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information and banquet registration call 570-296-2691. Call for Early Bird tickets by July 20.

