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Today and Tomorrow

For over 90 years, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has worked to inspire and educate the people of southwestern Pennsylvania to be respectful and responsible stewards of the natural world.

Among the 2008–09 highlights were:

- Launching the Three Rivers Rain Garden Alliance — a collaborative effort using native plant gardens to help address our region’s storm-water runoff problem.
- Shannon’s Career Fund — Over 150 students took advantage of the recently established scholarship program for families who could otherwise not afford to send their children to our summer camps.
- Construction of the Eps Worley Pavilion and Betsy’s Garden Shoppe — bringing new visitor amenities and opportunities to Beechwood.
- Completion of the California Area School District outdoor learning area — the 17th facility on our award-winning Ecological Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program (EHERP).
- The Shoey Trail — ASWP’s newest trail, is located on a recently acquired 44-acre parcel at Todd Nature Reserve. There are now over five miles of trails at the Reserve.
- Growing the Community Supported Agriculture program at Beewood — over 140 families ate healthier and helped local farmers by picking up weekly bushels of locally grown produce.
- Hosting the installation of the world’s first carbon dioxide-based, geothermal air-conditioning system — a technology that can reduce energy consumption by up to 70% over traditional AC systems.
- New SHERP outdoor learning areas at the Environmental Charter School in Frick Park and Falk Laboratory School at the University of Pittsburgh.
- In the fall of 2008, ASWP unveiled the Eps Worley Pavilion located adjacent to the pavilion was the Frick Chapel District, which the pavilion has created yet another focal point at Beechwood and is frequented by educational programming, ASWP special events, and programs.

And already underway for 2009-10:

- Nature Play at Beechwood — an outdoor area for unstructured play and nature exploration for young children.
- New EHERP outdoor learning areas at the Environmental Charter School in Frick Park and Falk Laboratory School at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Expanded Fort Defense with online next great tours and satellite-tracking of released birds.
- Release of the Western Pennsylvania Birding and Trail Guide – detailing the best locations across 22 counties to view birds and other wildlife.
- New programs, interesting presentations, and countless opportunities to Beechwood.
- Getting muddy is part of the fun at Animal Adventures! ASWP Summer Camps give kids the opportunity to learn and play in the natural surroundings of Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Programs are designed by age and by theme, including camping with a love of birds, animals, play, and nature.
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Despite the financial challenges of the past year, our supporters helped us to maintain all of our core programs and activities — while starting new initiatives and making additions and improvements — both Beechwood Farms and Todd Nature Reserves. Through engagement, participation, and example, we will continue to provide opportunities for people to engage, understand, and protect the environment around them.

Programs 2009

Beechwood Farms and Todd Nature Reserve

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