



Munnell Run Farm News

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2011 Annual Seedling Sale

The 2011 Seedling Sale is now accepting orders. The Mercer County Conservation District's Seedling Sale is an annual fundraiser for education programs and district activities. There are no restrictions on this program; you do not have to be a resident of Mercer County to purchase the seedlings.

Offered this year are Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, Eastern White Pine, Fraser Fir, Concolor Fir, Canadian Hemlock, and new this year is Balsam Fir, sold in bundles of ten each species for \$6.25.

Being sold in bundles of five each

species, also at \$6.25, are Old Fashioned Lilac, American Elder (Elderberry) and new this year we have added Easter Red Cedar. All species offered are three year old seedlings with the exception of the Lilac and Elderberry, which are two year seedlings.

Pennsylvania State Sales Tax is not included in the price. Orders will be taken until March 31st, prepayment is also required. Pickup is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM at the Munnell Run Farm Country Store located behind the Conservation District office. For additional

information on this year's seedlings or order forms, please visit our website at mercercountycd.com To place an order call 724.662.2242, or email us at mercercdd@verizon.net

Proceeds from this sale help support the education programs held at the Munnell Run Farm. MCCD office is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays and on weekends, as scheduled, for special events.

Where Does the Money Go?

If you have visited our website you may have noticed our mission statement: at Munnell Run Farm we strive to integrate agriculture and ecology education through hands-on programs for

students and adults in watershed management, nonpoint source pollution control, stream ecology, wetlands, forestry and agriculture.

In order for those hands-on activities to

happen, we have had to make the Farm into a facility that provides a safe environment and a meaningful experience. Indoor and outdoor classrooms, restrooms, trout nursery, energy

BUILD-YOUR-OWN RAIN BARREL WORKSHOPS

Munnell Run Farm and Mercer County Conservation District are co-hosting two workshops for area residents this spring that focus on stormwater management for homeowners. Participants will learn how to make a rain barrel from a 50-gallon drum. All the parts, tools, and accessories will be provided. At the end of the day you can take your creation with you and put it to good use at home, saving rain water for your landscaping and gardening needs this season.

If you are interested in participating, please register by calling 724-662-2242. Due to an overwhelming response, the first workshop scheduled for April 16 has been filled. We are now accepting registrations for the final workshop on May 14. Hurry, seating is limited!

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conservation demonstrations, farmland conservation practices, woodland and wetland demonstration areas, and the tour wagon are necessary for students of all ages to have a meaningful experience at Munnell Run Farm. The utilities, maintenance of the grounds, equipment and buildings are necessary to keep the experience safe and pleasant.

Of course, money is needed to make these things happen. Tens of thousands of dollars and countless hours of volunteer and MCCD staff time got us to where we are today. We have and will continue to rely heavily on grants, but most of the grants require at least partial local match. Furthermore, there is virtually zero grant dollars for maintaining the buildings and equipment, paying utilities and hosting events such as Earth Day and Farm Day.

When you see our pleas for donations please consider the reasons we are asking. Any amount is most appreciated. If you visit our website at www.munnellrunfarm.org you will see a "Donate Now" button. It's easy to make your donation with a credit card on a secure server provided by the non-profit Network For Good.

2011 will be a big year for improvements as we look to construct the new entrance road, improve the lane past Munnell Run, install new culverts, build walking and handicapped trails, install signs, and complete the reconstruction of the Bigler House. Grants from DCNR and the State Conservation Commission will pay for most of the \$260,000 cost. The Munnell Run Farm Foundation will need to provide about \$20,000.

