



FROM THE DIRECTOR

2024 BUDGET PLANNING:

An updated 2024 Park Budget Estimate has been reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee, with additional insight provided by the County Auditor’s office. Julie Adkins, Co. Auditor, informed departments of the status of House Bill 187 and Senate Bill 153 and the ramifications of what those bills could do to county budgets, should they pass.

She recommended that departments be as prepared as possible for delay of funding next year by carrying over as much cash as possible. The first funding of the year, which is normally received in April, could come in June next year as it will take additional time for her office to implement what is passed in the proposed Bill.

NATURE EDUCATION CENTER:

Major Contributor in October:

**Webster Foundation
\$25,000**

During the most recent grant funding cycle, the Webster Foundation awarded a total of \$25,000 for the sponsorship of the Outdoor Meeting Area. Thank you for your generous support!

Contributions will continue to be accepted into next year, with ground-breaking planned as soon as funding is in place.

Donors giving \$250 or more will be recognized on the permanent donor appreciation wall inside the Nature Education Center – the larger the donation, the greater the recognition for your thoughtful contribution that will benefit the community for many generations to come.

See who has contributed so far - the current list of donors is available to view online. Contributions can also be made online through the parks website anytime.

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION, & PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY

Out & About Preschool

The Out & About Preschool fall classes are in session and the students are looking forward to continuing to explore and learn about nature’s incredible changes from fall to winter – and maybe some snow this year(?).

Those interested in Spring Preschool registration should contact Linda Rose at Lrose@senecacountyparks.com.

Special Request Outreach Programs & Events

In addition to the regularly scheduled Park programs, listed below are other agencies who received programming opportunities from the Seneca Parks the past month:

- Bellevue Preschools (2)
- Fostoria City Preschools (4)
- Fostoria YMCA (1)
- GLCAP Fostoria (1)
- GLCAP Tiffin (1)
- Hoot in the Park --OP
- Lincoln Preschools (6)
- Rotary—Tiffin
- Sandusky River Watershed Coalition 5K
- Seneca Co Homeschoolers (1)
- Seneca East Preschool (1)
- Seneca East 4th graders (3)
- Tiffin Developmental Center (1)
- Wesley Center (1)
- Zombie 5K Run- SNP
- SRWC 5K Trail Run & Walk - SNP

GENERAL PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS:

	Oct. (2022)	Total
Programs	37 (43)	365 (354)
Participants	1368 (872)	8005 (5474)