

## The SBRP & PAHS D.A.R.E. Fundraiser

By SBRP Officer Bob Long  
PEN ARGYL- The Slate Belt Regional Police Department and Pen Argyl Area School District welcome the Harlem Rockets Comedy Basketball Team to raise funds for the school district D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

The D.A.R.E. fundraiser basketball game will be held at the Pen

Argyl High School main gymnasium on Friday, March 6, 2020. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m.

The funds that are raised will help provide the school district students D.A.R.E. t-shirts, certificates and awards.

For years the Harlem Rockets have been thrilling fans with their unique combination of basketball skills, zany comedy and audience participation. This group of highly talented former college and professional basketball players specializes in supporting fundraisers for schools, charities and civic organizations. Adding even more enthusiasm to the event, the Harlem Rockets' opponents come from the local community!

This year the Rockets will come to town to play the Slate Belt Dream Team which consists of school district teachers, administrators and local police.

For more information please contact Officer Bob Long.



## \$80,000 In Funding To Volunteer Fire Departments And Non-profit EMS

Becky Bartlet  
EASTON  
- Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development held a press conference

on the Emergency Medical Services Program (EMSP) on Monday, February 3rd.

EMSP is a proposed competitive grant program which will provide \$80,000 in funding to volunteer fire departments and non-profit emergency services providers within Northampton County. The grants will be used to purchase medical equipment: defibrillators, ambulances, etc. The funding for this program will come from the local share assessment of gross table games revenue. Recipients can received up to \$10,000 per grant per year.

"In recent years, Emergency Services has been underfunded at the state level," says Lamont McClure. "Northampton County is committed to doing what we can to ensure that our residents continue to have access to these vital services."

Applications/proposals for the EMSP grants are due by June 22, 2020.



## The River Unites Us: Stories about the Scenic Wild Delaware River by those who know it best

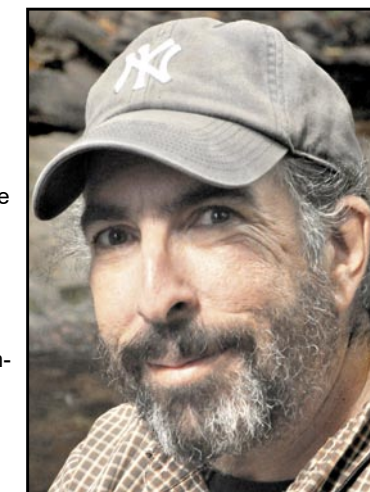


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**This month's column features Steven Schwartz, who works in the Upper Delaware Watershed and truly lives this quote: "Many Sources, One Watershed Community"**

**The River Unites Us:** How would you describe the work you do?

**Steve Schwartz:** 50 years ago, Peter Berg, of the Planet Drum Foundation, coined the term Bioregion. A bioregion is defined in terms of the unique overall pattern of natural characteristics that are found in a specific place. The main features are generally found throughout a continuous geographic terrain and include a particular climate, local aspects of seasons, landforms, watersheds, soils, and native plants and animals. People are also counted as an integral aspect of a place's life, as can be seen in the ecologically adaptive cultures of early inhabitants, and in the activities of present-day re-inhabitants who attempt to harmonize in a sustainable way with the place where they live. I live in, enjoy, and work to promote the multiple values, qualities and opportunities to conserve and enhance the social, ecological and sustainable economic diversity of the Upper Delaware Bioregion.



**Steven Schwartz**

**TRUU:** As a geotourism program, the Scenic Wild Delaware River (SWDR) program encourages travelers to visit local businesses and outdoor sites that offer an authentic experience about the region's natural, cultural and historical assets. How does your work fit in with this?

**SS:** As the Co-coordinator of the Poconos-Kittatinny Cluster of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative that fosters the collaboration of 8 conservation organizations working in Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, PA and Orange and Sullivan Counties, NY I help form partnerships and connections. These organizations conserve land and community resources, produce interpretative workshops and tours for individuals and families, and provide technical

assistance to municipalities and private landowners under coordinated strategies and funding in collaboration with many other regional stakeholders.

**TRUU:** What economic benefits does conservation bring to the local community?

**SS:** Multiple Return on the Environment studies have shown that robust conservation has multiple benefits for the community from job and business creation in the recreation and tourism sectors to higher private land values through proper stewardship to the ability to enjoy clean drinking water without expensive treatment to the resiliency of infrastructure through proactive watershed management mitigating expensive restoration after flooding events.

**TRUU:** Much of your work involves partnerships with private property owners. What are some challenges you encounter in trying to balance conservation with the concerns of private property owners?

**SS:** All of the work we do, from acquiring conservation easements to land management of forests and wetlands on private property, is voluntary. Private property owners embrace conservation when they recognize that their stewardship improves their property as well as their downstream neighbors and they become advocates for the same enlightened self-interest

**TRUU:** Finally, tell us some of the "Must See and Experience" places that you recommend for travelers that can be found at [www.scenicwilddelawareriver.com](http://www.scenicwilddelawareriver.com)

**SS:** My corner of the watershed has fantastic local places for the angler – Delaware River Club, West Branch Angler; the foodie – Callicoon Farmers Market, Equinunk General Store; the fun lover – Equinunk Historical Society with its amazing Joel Hill Water Powered Sawmill, Callicoon Theater, Farm Arts Collective; and so much more!

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### About The Scenic Wild Delaware River Geotourism Project:

Scenic Wild Delaware River Geotourism is one of only 23 geotourism programs created by National Geographic worldwide. Working collaboratively in the 3 states along the middle & upper Delaware River region, the Program promotes and sustains the region's resources for long-term economic and environmental vitality. NPCA helps staff this program. Visit the interactive travel website showcasing local experiences at

[www.ScenicWildDelawareRiver.com](http://www.ScenicWildDelawareRiver.com)



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## Scouts Involved In Our Community

By Mario Scavello

PEN ARGYL - I recently met with Pack 44 in Bushkill at my office in Pen Argyl. We discussed our government and how a bill becomes a law. The Scouts asked great questions and were very engaged with their responses. Thank you to the leaders of Pack 98 for your commitment to developing the character of these boys!

Last weekend, we welcomed three new Eagle Scouts in the 40th District as they received scouting's highest honor. Congratulations to William (Billy) Williams, Andrew Layne from the 40th District and Michael Carbonaro from the 18th District!