



In a world where funding for education is difficult to find, the Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation aims to bridge the gap.

**APOLLO-RIDGE**  
Education Foundation

## EITC Partners Provide Funds for Environmental Science Exploration

### Crooked Creek Outdoor Discovery Center Field Trips for Elementary Students in Grades K-5

The Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation funded a series of field trips in late September to Crooked Creek's Outdoor Discovery Center. This unique outdoor facility provides multiple hands-on learning opportunities right in our backyard!

Each grade levels was divided into smaller groups and spent their day rotating among several learning stations run by classroom teachers, parents, or the directors at the center.

The learning stations each lasted about forty minutes and covered topics such as camouflage, orienteering, earthworms, and bug hunting. Students took a nature hike and created a compost container. This engaging adventure in learning directly addressed several of the PA Science and Technology standards and reinforced many of the units being taught in the classroom.

After the trip, the students completed a written evaluation.

#### Armstrong County's Best Environmental Learning Center

The Outdoor Discovery Center is a multi-use facility operated under the auspices of the Armstrong Center for Community Learning and is available year-round to organized groups and businesses for environmental education, workshops, meetings, or retreats.

Inside the Outdoor Discovery Center main building, there is an impressive display of mounted mammals, birds, reptiles, and fish.

Field trips to the Outdoor Discovery Center cover many topics. The park spans 31 acres and access to Crooked Creek, and offers a self-interpretive trail, a poetry trail, an herb garden, and a handicap trail.

The walking trails and self-guided tours are available any time. Organized groups may rent the Outdoor Discovery Center facilities for programs, workshops, meetings and retreats. Facilities include a multi-purpose room with kitchen, a dormitory, and a lodge-style great room. Restrictions on the type of activities apply.

Learn more by visiting  
[www.armstrongcenter.org/odc/](http://www.armstrongcenter.org/odc/)



### WISHES GRANTED USING EITC FUNDS

- Grade 9 students will explore the guitar with a **new** program for music class
- Grade 8 students will explore electrical circuitry in a **new** Project Lead the Way class
- Grade 7/8 students will participate in a Rube Goldberg Challenge at Penn Ken
- High School students will compete in Quiz Bowl and Math League
- Tech Ed's 3D printer received new parts
- 22 Juniors/Seniors took AP exams at no cost

### EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM PARTNERS

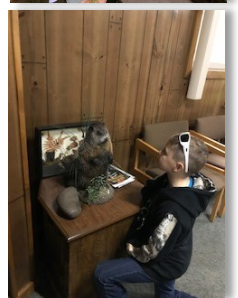
As an approved Educational Improvement Organization, the Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation has received tens of thousands of dollars from these invaluable partners in education.



To learn more about the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program, visit [www.newpa.com/eitc](http://www.newpa.com/eitc).







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## OUR MISSION

To foster partnerships with business and community leaders to successfully prepare Apollo-Ridge students for the workplace or post-secondary education.

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