

A Preview of the PGWA 2008 Summer Field Conference

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Each year, for the past six years, the Pennsylvania Ground Water Association has held a one-day, totally outdoor, summer field conference with live demonstrations of well drilling, setting casing, grouting, well development, well test pumping, and hydrofracturing.

What will be demonstrated on June 6, 2008? The new State Water Plan will be presented to the public in the second-half of 2008. This new plan will indicate that more than one-third of all Pennsylvanians have ground water as their water source. The PGWA will demonstrate the proper construction of a residential water well to protect the quality of the water produced and protect the quality of the aquifer source water. Additional technical demonstrations will be on the program. Check back on the PGWA Web site as the full Summer Field Conference program is developed and to obtain registration information.

Why attend these demonstrations? This Summer Field Conference will demonstrate procedures that you may only have read about in text books. By direct observation of the proper well construction procedures, you will gain a much better understanding of their function and importance. As each procedure is completed, it is

explained step-by-step, and there is always an opportunity for questions. There will be tabletop displays and large equipment displays. The displays will provide product information and demonstrations of constant-pressure residential water systems and many other products for well construction and decommissioning.

Who should attend? Water-well owners, water-well drilling contractors, geologists, sanitarians, watershed specialists, hydrogeologists, water-supply regulators, municipal officials, planning commission members, members of watershed associations, and anyone interested in ground-water development and in ground-water quality protection. Equipment manufacturers and suppliers to the ground-water industry should also attend.

Registration for an employee or member of any federal, state, or local government agency or entity, Master Well Owners, faculty, and students is FREE. The PGWA Well Demonstration Site is located near State College and a map with driving directions is available on the PGWA Web site.

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Attention Manufacturers and Suppliers

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the PGWA Summer Field Conference.

This is an excellent opportunity to put your name and products in the spotlight.

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