

**CCA Presentations**  
**3/11/15**  
**Winding Trails, Farmington**

**ACA Visitors' Update Course by Ken Dawley – 12:45 pm– 2:55 pm**

14 people attended.

**Air Quality Index Awareness 12:55 pm - 1:20 pm**

22 people in attendance

Michele Chaffee, CTDEEP Air Bureau  
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School Flag Program – let her know if we want to do it at camp. Activity guide. Fly flags (3'x5' triangles) to show daily AQI. Increases air quality knowledge. [www.airnow.gov/schoolflag](http://www.airnow.gov/schoolflag)

Air Quality Index – daily alerts assist businesses in adjusting operations – check it every morning for camp.

Info available on the web site updated daily

Older adults and children, birth to 18, and people with asthma are more susceptible to air pollution

Summer camp populations are more active thereby inhale more and are more susceptible.

“Ozone? Good up high, bad nearby.”

Particulate matter (PM) acids, solids, etc. The very fine particles are the worst for us.

Every day tips to reduce pollution – list online.

On AQI elevated days – conserve energy even more = personal and machine. Plan days to avoid exertion during elevated days.

[www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov)

Summer Camp Awareness Tips – sheet from DEEP and DPH  
Games  
Publications  
Picture book  
Resources

**1:30 – 2:20 pm – Meet the Emerald Ash Borer**

18 people attended

Not native to North America. Found in US in Detroit in 2002

Only effects Ash Trees – White, Green(Red), Black

Compound alternate leaves, opposite branches. Bark is unique – “diamondish”

Top 10 trees it's # 9, about 3% of the forest

Millions of trees have been lost.

There are 40 different insects solely dependent on ash trees.

Majority of time the EAB lives inside the tree.

Small D-shaped adult exit holes

Arrived in CT in 2008 or 09 and found in 2012 in Prospect.

Most likely spread in firewood because the wood is kept for a period of time to season.  
Non-stinging wasp *Cerceris* will paralyze its prey, take it home and lay eggs on it for food for the larvae.  
They prey on beetles like the EAB. Like sandy soil. The wasps are very tiny.

Insecticide Options handout

[www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

All firewood is regulated because it's hard to pick ash out of a wood pile.

Self issued permit free on the website to confirm source of firewood when moving within CT.  
To bring into CT, need signed by higher authority.

Asian Longhorn Beetle ALB infests maple, birch, and elms.

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### **CT Tree Wardens**

14 people attended

CT Tree Wardens are Certified by the Tree Warden Assoc.

When and why trees are removed.

Watch for woodpecker action

### **International Staff 2:30 pm – 3:05pm**

By Dennis Regan of Camp America/AIFS

11 people attended

The international exchange program was legislated - Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961

US Dept of State – Exchange Visitor Program Management

New in 2014 – Office of Private Sector Exchange Administration – 72 new positions.

Regulatory Overview – Code of Federal Regulations were just overhauled.

Sponsors must be fully aware of all homeland security publications.

Cultural experiences – mutual understanding

Who is paying whom and for what

Mostly effects Campower Participants

If they don't participate and don't do their paperwork they get terminated aka visa revoked and sent home.

Deputy Assist Secretary of State – Robin Lerner is tough and is cleaning house

See handout for current requirements

Camp and Participant Education

This is the third year of the changes and will continue.

Participant Surveys must be done

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Although on a practical side they are a way to staff camps remember they are primarily here on a cultural exchange. They must go home having been treated well. Contributes to mutual understanding and world peace!