

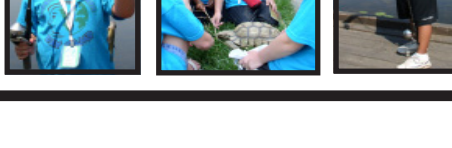
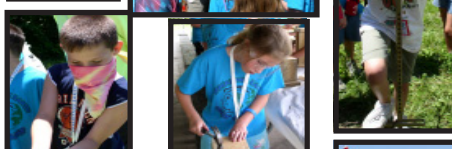
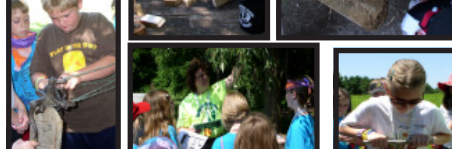
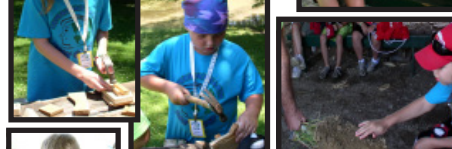
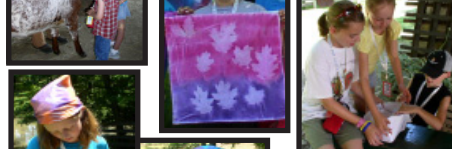
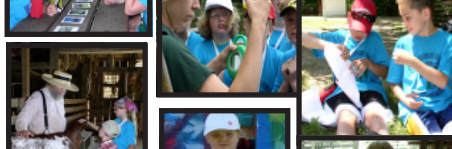
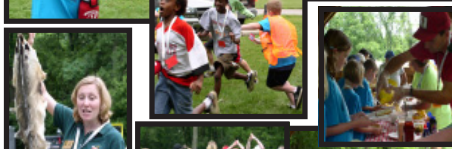
# Experience Earth Day Camp

Seventy-two campers enjoyed the 9th annual Experience Earth Day Camp held at Slate Run Metro Park on July 9-11, 2008.

Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) is the coordinator of this three day camp for Pickaway County students who have completed third or fourth grade. The goal of Experience Earth is to provide participants with opportunities to experience the natural environment in Pickaway County. The more we know about our surroundings, the more likely we are to be good stewards.

This year campers learned about wetland plants and animals and 1880's farm life. They went fishing, bird watching and learned how to identify trees. Campers learned about the balance between the availability of habitat and the number of animals the habitat can support. They also tried their hand at archery. During craft sessions campers used the sun and special paints to create one-of-a-kind bandanas, they made rope, and built boats and bluebird houses. Each camper received a camp t-shirt, water bottle, participation certificate, group picture, and a backpack full of resource material.

"Turtles and Other Friends" was the grand finale program led by Nancy Lockard, the Turtle Lady. Campers and family members enjoyed interacting with turtles, snakes, and bearded dragons. Nancy believes that "...teaching people to love and respect all living creatures will change little pieces of the world that we all share."



*Karen Halley, Experience Earth Director, would like to thank the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for their contributions to camp.*

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